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Subject: Northern Pass Comment

Good Morning,

I just wanted to record my support for the burial of lines for the Northern Pass through Concord. I think that the aesthetic cost of this project in general is far too high for our state and frankly should be abandoned altogether.

As a ratepayer in New Hampshire, we have been lied to so many times about the benefits of different projects. I remain very skeptical of the benefits of this one. From Seabrook, to the sale of PSNH, to the sale of EnergyNorth, each came with the promise of lower rates for customers. In each case, that was a lie. We have some of the highest utility rates in the country in spite of all these promises. The cost of Northern Pass will be passed on to the ratepayers, with the expectation that any lower rates from the increased supply lost.

While I am all for more jobs for New Hampshire, these jobs will be short-term while the negative impact of the utility towers generational.

The cost is high, the benefits marginal. I hope that the Site Evaluation Committee will see the error of this project and reject it.

Sincerely,

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