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Dear Members of the Site Evaluation Committee:

I am writing in opposition to the construction of the Northern Pass Transmission Line across New Hampshire. The proposed 192 mile power line corridor with 90- to 135-foot-tall towers will permanently alter the lands they cross, fragmenting forests, disrupting wildlife habitat, disfiguring communities and lowering property values.

We don't need this energy - FACT: 40% of the energy generated in NH is exported (source: Office of Energy and Planning). There has been no determination of need for this project - no one has said we need more power.

Tourism is the second-largest industry, generating more than \$5 billion of economic activity per year in the state. In 2014, it the tourism industry supported 68,000 jobs in New Hampshire. This will have a huge impact on the scenic views and tourism in NH. NH won't be this special, gorgeous place anymore; less people will flock here... less dollars in our economy. Tourism is one of the cornerstones of the state's economy and of the state's tax base.

There are other transmission lines/pathways they could use that would have less impact. But more importantly, hydropower (from Canada) is not clean power. They have mutilated landscapes in Canada to create these hydro dams and displaced indigenous people. Methane builds up behind these dams. Methane is a very powerful greenhouse gas that would contribute to climate change.

On of the effects of climate change is drought...what if the source dries up?

Please listen to all of the people who oppose this. We all have very good reasons!

Regards,

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