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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re Docket 2015-06, Northern Pass Comments

Dear SEC Members,

The Board of Selectmen wish to make the following comments regarding the proposed N Pass project which is currently planned to be buried along 14.3 miles of Route 112 and Highway 3.

- The Board remains opposed to the Project despite no longer participating in the SEC review process. The Board withdrew for financial reasons and not due to any acquiescence to the Project.
- Much of Woodstock's economy is dependent on tourism, particularly during April – November. In particular the Board is very concerned about construction impacts and delays during the following weekend/events: Thurs-Tues around Columbus Day weekend, the annual Highland Games in September, and Saturday evening from July-August due to weekly concerts.
- The Board would like the SEC to be aware that typical summer traffic can cause severe delays and backups even without the added construction impacts of N Pass. The Board is very concerned that the construction of the Project will only make the traffic and delays worse, pushing people to travel elsewhere or to use a different route that would take potential customers elsewhere.
- The Board is also very concerned about how the construction will negatively impact the town's emergency responders, as the UG line runs right in front of the Town Fire Department. The Board understands that a section of HDD will be directly in front of the Fire Department and so believes that construction work will negatively impact the ability of emergency responders to promptly and safely reach those in need.
- Also, the SEC should be aware that the town is planning on future water work on Highway 3 and has submitted plans to the regional DOT District describing the work to be done. The Board believes the Project will interfere with the town's

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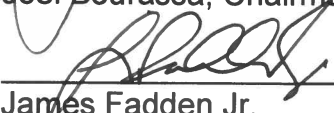
ability to construct these improvements and/or to properly maintain them in the future.

The Town opposed this Project and asks the SEC to deny the application.

Sincerely,
Board of Selectmen



Joel Bourassa, Chairman



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