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Dear SEC Members,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to Northern Pass.

Northern Pass, a 192 mile, high voltage transmission line project proposed by Eversource and Hydro-Quebec, is a project our state doesn't want and certainly doesn't need. This project has been positioned as a "solution" designed to "fix" a problem that simply doesn't exist in NH given that our state already generates more power than we consume.

The damage this massive transmission line will cause our state is severe and irreversible. The project will begin in Canada with clear-cutting and construction in the North Country and then snake southward through the center of the state ending in Deerfield, NH. It will cut through and negatively impact forested mountains, scenic wetlands, bubbling streams and beautiful rivers damaging the very character and visual beauty of our state.

The visual blight of this project will be impossible to miss as some of the towers will be 165 feet tall – that's the height of a 15-story building cutting across an enormous swath of our state. The visual impact will be horrific – and worst of all – it will be permanent and irreparable.

I think it is very important that we ask, who is actually paying for this project? According to a Hydro-Quebec statement in March 2017, "We will not pay a penny for the Northern Pass project on the U.S. side. It is the American customers who will pay..." That's a very clear statement regarding who is going to pay the enormous cost of this project – regrettably we are.

I strongly urge you to deny Northern Pass.