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To the SEC and the people attending this meeting, I Thank You for the opportunity to speak.

I want to point out that the people opposing this project are extremely well versed and well educated in this subject and this project.

We have been learning about it and fighting it for 7 years now.

Despite Eversource's claims, the ratio is approximately 12 to one in opposition to this project.

These numbers are based on the hearings that you have been personally listening to.

Based on upbringing and generation my automatic inclination is to apologize for the repetition of facts and opinions that you have already heard.

However I absolutely will not apologize for repeating both facts and opinions that my fellow opponents of the northern pass project have already expressed.

It has become crystal clear that we cannot share this enough. After 7 years, we are STILL here!

We continue to share the facts, both scientific and cultural, our devotion to the beautiful State of NH, our commitment to our communities, our friends, our businesses.

our environment, our wild life, our way of life, property rights, retirement nest eggs and the irreplaceable, fragile gift that is our home and yes...our backyard.

With any commitment to all the above, why would we agree to permanently scar this?

Northern Pass uses statistics that serve urban parts of New Jersey to tell us that there will be insignificant damage to property values as they invade our vistas.

Why would we agree to this? Because the very structures they propose and disruption they downplay is NOT allowed in the States and Towns who are the consumers of the power.

This is not allowed in those areas!

Through allowing this transmission in any form, we give our stamp of approval and are complicit in the pillaging of entire nations of people.

We are partners in the ravaging of people's homelands, the entire river systems, wildlife, fish of Northern Quebec.

The pollution that this industrial hydroelectricity has and continues to cause is catastrophic.

I would like to see NH be a leader and example in local, renewable production of power and leave Hydro Quebec to take a swim.

12 to 1!!! Public opinion rails against np coming through our State. 12 to 1!!! And we are still here fighting.

And what is this about?

Why has this insulting project even been brought forth and then entertained?

Clearly money is the prize...shareholders, stockholders.

It has become apparent that there are better, kinder, more technologically up to date options for the production and transmission of electricity but we are still talking about this.

NP marketing has expressed how they have really heard reached out to the people of NH and alleviated their dissatisfaction by agreeing to bury a portion of the proposed transmission lines. Yes...Right down through our Town centers and along our country roads. As far as I am concerned....and the Town of Plymouth is affected-np has added injury to insult.

The following is a letter from one of our long time Main Street Business owners, Carol Dunn, owner of Dressers Unlimited.

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I am both property and business owner at 77 Main Street in Plymouth. My boutique has been at this address for approximately 17 years. Prior to this location I was in several Main Street locations starting in 1995. My store carries primarily new womens' and mens' fashions as well as vintage furnishings, home decor, gifts, and tuxedo rentals. We currently have 4/5 employees.

There is absolutely no doubt that the construction and disruption proposed for the Northern Pass project of our Main Street will have enormous negative economic impact on every downtown business. Traffic flow and parking spaces are a top priority to maintain customer and pedestrian visits. The months from May to November are the busiest for our downtown and the sales during this time are what hopefully keep us in business. I was on Main Street in the 90's during the sidewalk and pipe reconstruction. During this time many businesses went under, I was fortunate to hold on since at the time I was a smaller establishment with little overhead and no payroll. But considering today's expenses and over head there is absolutely no doubt that this proposal will cause us devastating loss of business. Every parking space and it's turnover is essential to keep our business operational. Construction vehicles along with the noise,dust and traffic jams will most certainly deter visitation during needed months.

It has taken years of hard work and community efforts to get our downtown landscaped and full of vital locally owned businesses. There is no doubt that if the plan for the Northern Pass through our Main Street evolves we will be closing shop. The profit margin leaves little room for such an extensive and massive disruption.

Thank you,

Carol Dunn

Following months of construction and disruption and the failing of vital local businesses...Eversource will FOREVER own our Main Street!

Why should they care if our town loses businesses, people lose their jobs, our charming town is never the same?

They will have their pipeline to the money.

BUT WAIT!!!

The statistics provided by np tell us that it will have no negative impact on our state.....Why?

Because the loss of businesses in Plymouth and Woodstock and Franconia will not be felt by the people in Keene and Claremont, or Meredith or Nashua.

That is how they water down the statistics to support this local devastation. The "facts" they provide tell NO truth!

So...this is about POWER. It is not about electrical power because we will see none of it (and even if we did, we don't need it and I, for one, don't want it)

We will see no power, no savings...(maybe \$1.50 a month?), no benefit.

On that subject, our Governor Sununu was misinformed and passing on incorrect information...(but he is trying to add protection to dogs so that is good).

Back to POWER.

This is not about electrical power. This is about Power over People. Power over the People of NH.

When we talk about inner power as in strength, it is an infinite resource. Plenty to share. Plenty to do good. Infinite.

But when we talk about Power over people it is finite...a piece of the pie.

It is controlling and when out of balance it is damaging.

This project reeks of Power over people.

It has been brought forth with secrecy, untruths, complete disregard and disconnect with the people of NH, our properties, our precious resources, our values.

It is trampling on our State to benefit others who couldn't give a crap about our backyard.

I say they should use their own!

So rather than assigning anymore shame and blame of which there is plenty to go around (and it is not on many sides)

I am going to say to you- the Site Evaluation Committee

ACCOUNTABILITY.

It will be in your hands to take proper care of this State of NH.

Not of the shareholders.

Not of the stockholders.

Not of the campaign funders.

Not of the promisers!!!!

But of the beautiful State of New Hampshire and the people who are stewards of their home here.

Thank You Respectfully,

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