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As a lifelong resident of Central New Hampshire (27 years in Holderness, 17 years in Ashland, 26 years in Plymouth)I have a keen appreciation of the scenic and environmental aspects of the Lakes and Mountains of our state. As near as I can determine, New Hampshire has always been a net exporter of energy, and has never needed (or wanted) to obtain electricity from neighboring states, or from Canada.

The purpose of the Northern Pass proposal is to secure profit for a Canadian company by allowing Canadian energy to be transported through New Hampshire, so it can be sold in NewYork state, and possibly in western Connecticut. When I looked at the map, and drew a straight line from the generation site in Canada to the proposed distribution point in New York, the line didn't even TOUCH New Hampshire. A straight line would go through Vermont!

"Why", I asked, don't they run the line through Vermont?" I was told that going through Vermont was too expensive, and besides, Vermonters don't want it!

As a small business owner, I can also appreciate the economic devastation that burying power lines under the Main Street of my home town (Plymouth) would cause. Businesses that have to be shut down for a summer would simply never recover economically.

I have travelled through Quebec and seen firsthand how devastated the landscape looks when traversed by gigantic power lines strung on towers much higher and much wider than any in New England. These lines are over much wider rights-of-way, that were, of course, clear cut.

I don't want our state to be devastated in order to enrich a foreign company in a neighboring country, where the lands and lifestyles of indigenous peoples were hijacked by trickery.

I will oppose Northern Pass by every lawful means, and with every fiber of my being.

Sincerely,
David Colburn, U.S. citizen, age 71