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To: Monroe, Pamela

Subject: As a resident of New Hampshire I hope the SEC will reject Northern Pass's certificate.

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Dear Pamela Monroe,

I live in the North Country of New Hampshire. In Whitefield, a town that if Northern Pass is approved will have power lines zigzag across our town. This area depends on tourism for many jobs. Many in our communities don't have retirement plans. They have invested in their homes and will use the sale of those to support themselves when they go on social security and downsize into apartments or smaller homes. Real estate sales have been impacted now even without that happening...just having the possibility that it might. I have a sister that tried to sell her property for a number of years and had to disclose information regarding the potential Northern Pass project. That's when people who were interested became NOT interested. It's real. It's hurt people here already. Instead of fighting to bury all lines or to move the line to go underground with highways, they have spend that money in legal battles. It is short sighted for anyone to say it will bring jobs. Jobs will be available for a few...and those will be short-term with long-term damage to property values, our tourism industry and our quality of life.

Eversource and Hydro Quebec have both said they aren't paying for the project which raises the question whether either of the companies have the financial capability to build and operate this \$1.6 billion project. The transmission towers and lines are going to have a horrible effect on the landscape, historic sites, and the environment in New Hampshire. The transmission line also will not serve our state, as it merely passes through New Hampshire.

I have been told by people..."it's a done deal" "it's a waste of our time". I truly this is not true and the committee will reject this project's certificate to prevent it from harming our state.

Sincerely,
Cathy Towle