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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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Re: Northern Pass, SEC Docket No. 2015-06

NHCRN is a grassroots organization of community residents that recognize all government of right originates from the people and is founded in their consent (Article 1. Object of Government). These individuals and their communities have a constitutional right to enjoy and defend their liberty and property (Article 2. Natural Rights), and a right to call upon their Municipal and State governments (Article 8. Accountability of Magistrates and Officers & Article 32. Rights of Assembly, Instruction, and Petition) to protect their health, safety and welfare.

Eversource's decision to move forward with the Northern Pass project against the will of those most affected by the issuance of the permit being considered by the SEC, reveals the corporation's determination to exercise its "right" to profit at the cost of community rights to protect their own health, safety and welfare, economic sustainability, and natural environment. Communities impacted by the proposed Northern Pass project have overwhelmingly expressed opposition to this project through Master Plans, Resolutions, the enactment of Rights-based Ordinances, and throughout the entire SEC hearing process.

When corporate interests are lobbied to create laws that protect their private interests over the health, safety and welfare of human and natural communities, residents find themselves with no remedy under the current system of law because courts are essentially bound to uphold such unjust laws. Such laws have been bought and paid for by corporations for corporations with guaranteed protection of the state through the issuance of permits that legalize otherwise illegal activities.

In fulfillment of their inherent and unalienable rights as human beings to self-govern, and those enumerated within the NH Constitution, a growing number of Granite State communities are enacting rights-based laws that fulfill their duty and obligation to reform, abolish or create new laws within their governments (Article 10. Right of Revolution) which put the well-being of human and natural communities above and before the claimed rights and privileges of corporations and preemptive state-issued permits. Sustainable environmental and economic development can be achieved only when the people affected by governing decisions are the ones who make such decisions.

NHCRN is opposed to Eversource using New Hampshire communities as resource colonies for profit, against their will. The people and communities affected by this project must have a recognized, collective authority to make the final governing decision as to whether or not Northern Pass is approved. It is realized that none of what has been stated here will make a difference in your final decision regarding the issuance of a permit for the Northern Pass project. However, I do hope my comments have spoken to the residents impacted by the SEC's permit decision: You can choose to work within the current structure of the system that dictates a predictable outcome in favor of corporate interests, or you can choose local democratic law-making that recognizes, secures and protects your right to local self-government.

Sincerely,

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