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Dear Pamela Monroe,

As an avid hiker and AMC volunteer, I'm opposed to Northern Pass because of what it would do to the landscape of the state above the notches and views from the National Forest. As an engineer, I'm unclear on why we think continuing to deploy 1880s technology is a good idea. At some point we need to move forward with distributed generation and related technologies, and while clinging to old business models is comforting to some I'm concerned about the inevitable costs of the assets that will be stranded when this change happens. Like the old Soviet-style housing blocks, the eventually (maybe sooner rather than later) unused towers will be reminders of a recent, misguided past and a testament to our ability to make poor choices. I don't want to pay for these towers and that's what everyone in NH will be doing long into the future, with no benefit. Alternatives exist, so why do we continue to use taxpayer money to drive a decision process for an ultimately poor choice when we could rally around existing, lower cost easier to deploy transmission solutions - which I still question. The longer this is in discussion the less relevant this horse-and-buggy era technology is.

Sincerely,
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