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Ms. Pamela Monroe, Administrator

Site Evaluation Committee

21 South Street, Suite 10

Concord NH, 03301

Dear Ms. Monroe,

My wife and I own property on River Road in Bridgewater. We have a delightful view East over the "Pemi" to the hills South of Ashland. The towers will dramatically affect the pastoral views that the area offers but the effect will be much greater than losing the view.

The Northern Pass group hides or understates for all of us many problems. I have attended meeting and searched for information regarding the ability to get from River Road to Ashland and all we are told is best practice of it will work out. The interference of local logging trucks, or small farmers hauling hay will be large.

The jobs that this brings is no promise for continued growth in central NH or any part of NH. It will temporarily tighten the labor market, in an area that does not need jobs, and then will prevent others from building in the future as the view will detract from all property value that sees the power line and fewer house will be built in this area. This project might temporarily tighten the market but again I am leery of the claim as electrical high wire is a specific craft and workers will come from outside the area and then the effect will be long-term hurting the building in the area.

Besides the future of building in the area, local tourism will decline, who wants to go to the country and see a power line. Jobs in tourism will not grow at the same rate as in the past. Many of the jobs in tourism are small shops that cannot hold out for two construction seasons and then a slow growth future. When asked about this disruption the NP people just say best practices will be followed but offer now concrete options or cash on the table guarantees to help the small businesses of the area.

There are better alternatives that the high towers now on the table, either bury the cable (but this also leaves scars across fields and forests or use the existing right of way on the West side of the state and pay rent to the present owners of the right of way. NP/Eversource admits this transmission line has little if any effect on the rate for electricity in NH and will have long last detrimental effects on the jobs and growth of our area.

I hope you withhold approval in the present form. Either bury the cable, move it to the existing right of way on the Western part of the state or cancel the project. The power will get to NY, just not at the expense of NH property owners.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Fox