

Northern Pass is not an initiative of NH residents. It is an out of state business project that is using NH geographically as a gateway to transfer power from Canada to the US power grid.

It will be a one way tower train for 180 + miles that only stops in Franklin, NH to convert the DC power to AC before moving on to Deerfield, NH and connecting on to the high demand, energy clients in MA and CT. This electric power is not off loaded along the way to NH communities. It was never meant for NH.

Northern Pass is a permanent tower train for *Eversource* to source power *forever* from Canada. This will allow Eversource to dominate power supply into the region at the expense of NH developing true, competitive renewable energy sources and options that have a much smaller footprint on our precious landscape.

The overall costs of this project are enormous. For one, companies outside of NH will reap high profits just for the new construction of steel towers alone. It is not necessary to construct brand new, gigantic steel towers when the transmission lines can be buried and invisible to the human eye. Who is profiting from this? Not NH. Trump Towers?

We all know that above ground transmission lines are vulnerable to foul weather (wind, snow and ice storms). These lines are dangerous, costly to repair and take lengthy periods of time to get power back on for rate payers. This can all be avoided by burying the lines.

The existing right ways were designed to provide power to local NH residents and businesses. It was not meant to provide a Free Pass for Canadian big hydro power.

NH should get something back for being so generous to allow a private company to profit off our land. All of the lines need to be buried for this construction project to be acceptable to NH residents. NH deserves to be Free from these antiquated, nonsensical, obnoxious steel towers. Bury all the lines or get out of NH.