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*Mrs. Pamela Monroe, Administrator
Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I am writing regarding my opposition to the Northern Pass Project. I am a member of the Pemigewasset Local Advisory Committee, the past President, and current Secretary-Treasurer of the Bridgewater Historical Society, and the President of the Bridgewater Old Home Day Association. I live in Bridgewater (my mailing address is above). My family has owned our homes and land on the River Road in Bridgewater since 1794. I have cousins who are registered interveners.

I am opposed to the Northern Pass Project for the following reasons.

- 1. I don't see it as having any long-term economic benefit for the state and the community. There may be jobs available as it is built, but those jobs will vanish once it is in place with only a handful of people needed for maintenance. Of the people they are hiring to do the installation, few are from the local area, as they already have people lined up. The power destined to be returned to the state is minimal.*

2. *This is a beautiful state and the state relies on tourism as one of its biggest economic resource. That beauty is very much in jeopardy if these lines and the enormous clear-cuts that go with it are in place. If you have ever travelled in up-state New York just south of Niagara Falls you will see what I mean. Niagara is beautiful, but just south is some of the ugliest parts of New York. Who will bother to come to New Hampshire to see power lines.*
3. *I am concerned about the ecological damage that the installation will cause, with the upheaval of existing environments and the blasting required in some areas. Like some existing powerlines some areas never recover. Bird strikes on the existing lines is a current problem, but these bigger towers will pose greater threats.*
4. *I am concerned about the emissions these towers give off. The areas proposed to place them are near recreation areas and livestock grazing areas. Farms and local recreation sites (affecting the economy) will be at risk if these towers are near by.*
5. *House values will plummet if these are installed. They already have with the local installation of some wind farms. This is proven. One of the reasons people come to settle in New Hampshire is its beauty, whether it is mountain vistas, or deep woods, or large pasture land. Most of the people I know choose their land for its beautiful ambiance. The prospect of seeing large transmission towers will only add to the decline of house values, but may in fact cause some residents to move out-of-state to flee this monstrosity.*

I know you have heard hours and hours of testimony and this letter is just a drop in the bucket of comments. However, I felt compelled to write.

I find it galling the Eversource has already started construction and tree removal in many places. The arrogance they have that it is a "done-deal" is appalling.

I know there is a lot of political pressure to complete this project, but I urge you to look strongly at the out-cry from the residents of New

Hampshire and keep in mind, that in spite of the Gouvenour and others who are in favor of NP, the people who count, the people who will be most affected by this DON'T WANT IT!

Regards,

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