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Dear Pamela Monroe,

The proposal by Eversource Energy to build high voltage DC (HVDC) transmission lines with 80-155 foot high towers and widened transmission corridors will scar views in northern New Hampshire, hurting tourism, our second largest industry, and cutting property values. I am not opposed to this project itself but I think these lines should be fully buried (Alternative 4b) in order to preserve our state's scenic pastoral beauty. An August 2017 Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) states that fully burying these transmission lines would impose the fewest visual impacts and could use already disturbed roadway corridors and would not affect residential property values. This DOE EIS report compared full burial with the overhead route: 3664 more construction jobs over 3 years and 456 more permanent jobs. Eversource admits that full burial is technically feasible, and there are two fully buried HVAC lines being started in Vermont and New York, and one proposed in Maine.

Our interstates would be appropriate corridors for buried lines. Even where NP proposes to place transmission towers on existing rights-of-way, these would need to be widened close to the easement limits on residences and clearcut right up to people's houses, and structures would be built in wetlands.

32 New Hampshire towns along the proposed NP route voted against the current proposal, and 80% of the comments at public input sessions in September 2015 either opposed NP or called for full burial of the lines.

Sincerely,  
Richard Widhu