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To: The NH Site Evaluation Committee
From: Frances Weeks, owner of 145 Weeks Rd., Lancaster, NH 03584

As a property owner in Lancaster, NH, I would like to go on the record in opposition to the Northern Pass. My reasons are stated below.

1. 192 miles of the State of NH will be marred by the Northern Pass proposed HV/DC transmission lines carrying Hydro-Quebec power to the W. MA, CT and NY. Over 150 miles of the project are above-ground. Some 40 miles are proposed to be buried. There are no distribution lines for local NH use.
2. The above ground transmission towers will be at least double (90') and in many cases triple (130') the height of the existing distribution lines. In some areas, there will be two or three parallel lines of towers of varying heights. Erecting and maintaining the towers will cause major disruption up and down the state, in both rural and urban areas (such as the capital, Concord).
3. Tourist draws such as Weeks State Park and State Scenic Byways lie adjacent to the proposed path. In some areas roads will be closed for extended periods of time, and some roads are not even wide enough for the necessary construction equipment. The buried portion also will impact rivers such as the Pemigewasset and business districts such as Plymouth, home to Plymouth State University. NH is attractive for its outstanding natural beauty. The negative impacts on tourism, second home owners/retirees, businesses, farming, transportation, and recreation will be significant.

In sum, the Northern Pass project as proposed appears to have no public benefit for the residents of and visitors to the state of NH.

Thank you for your attention.

Frances Weeks