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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE Northern Pass Transmission – Eversource, SEC Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe and Members of the SEC:

I oppose the Eversource proposal as it is currently configured.

Nearly 200 miles of HV/DC transmission lines would cross New Hampshire, over 150 miles above ground and 40 miles buried. The above ground lines would damage the state's landscape and tourism. Anyone who drives the I-93 corridor on Friday afternoons is well aware of the attractions of the White Mountains and the lakes region, as people rush to spend time and money there. Some of those people buy homes and start businesses.

The buried lines would go through downtown business districts, with a negative impact on towns and small businesses that might not be repaired for decades. For example, in Plymouth, one of the economic hubs of central New Hampshire, the transmission lines are scheduled to proceed directly down the now vibrant Main Street.

As proposed, this project would result in New Hampshire's scenic beauty being marred, roads closed, rivers impacted, and tourism, small businesses, and residents hurt. Whatever its minimal benefits, they are outweighed by its damage to New Hampshire's quality of life. It is not a public benefit, and I urge you not to approve it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Jayne Steen