

## SEC COMMENTS COLLECTION

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Dear Committee members,

I would like to respectfully submit my opinion on the Northern Pass Project for your consideration. Having minimal economic benefit to the State of NH and significant negative economic impact on the North Country economy by altering the scenic beauty of our pristine wilderness, I would implore you to please deny the Northern Pass Project the right to build the line as proposed.

Despite the plans to bury the lines in some stretches, NP has no plans to bury it in most of the towns that the lines will pass through, including the town of Whitefield where my family resides. Whitefield is much affected since we have over 10 miles of NP line (I believe this is the most in the North Country).

I say that this will have a negative economic impact on the North Country of NH because so much of our economy is now dependent on tourism dollars. I have spoken to people from other states and they have told me that they love to come to this part of New England specifically because of the unadulterated state of the landscape. Once this is disturbed we will never get it back.

The town of Whitefield has struggled to survive in the changing economy with the demise of the furniture and paper industries here in northern NH. We must protect the asset we have in the natural scenic beauty of the area to foster future development of tourism-based businesses.

My other concern on this matter involves the national security issues that arise from the use of unprotected above ground lines for power transmission infrastructure. The use of this technology for transmission of electricity to the power grid is out-dated at best. The vulnerability of these lines to natural catastrophe (see ice storm of '98) and the rising threat of terrorist activity make this method of transmission unreliable. If we are to be building new infrastructure we must improve the security and reliability as we go forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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