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Ms Pamela G. Monroe
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Dear Ms. Monroe,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Northern Pass electricity transmission project in New Hampshire. I own a second home in Randolph, NH and our family has been there for over 65 years. I have been active in the community for many years and care deeply about the future of the North Country.

I have been following the Northern Pass project closely since it became public knowledge. I do not think that it benefits the people of New Hampshire in any meaningful way other than some temporary installation jobs and a limited number of maintenance jobs. Rather, the impact of the exceptionally high transmission towers on the viewshed will negatively impact the tourism business, which, as you know, is vital to the area's economy. In addition the towers will depress home values in a number of communities.

There are good alternative routes available to enable transmission of energy from Canada to the areas where it will be used. Burying most of the transmission lines for most rather than less than a quarter of the distance would go a long way to improving the situation. Let's think about benefitting the public good instead of corporate profits. (This is being said by a former commercial banker.)

Thank you for your attention,

Best Regards,

Ben Phinney