

## SEC COMMENTS COLLECTION

SECDocket	2015-06 Northern Pass Transmission - Eversource
CommenterName	Kyle McAdam
CommenterCity	Gilmanton
DateReceived	12-17-2017

### CommenterWords

Dear Ms. Monroe,

My name is Kyle McAdam from Gilmanton, NH and I am writing to you today to explain that I am against the Northern Pass. I do not think that this project is in the best interest of the people and ecology of New Hampshire or the Pessamit Innu of Quebec or the local environment surrounding the dams.

First, I want to explain that I am an environmentalist. I normally support hydroelectric dams but I do not support this project. I support smaller dams that have little impact on the ecology of an area. I do not support mid-sized to large and bigger hydroelectric dams being discussed as part of the Northern Pass project. The dams that supply the electricity for this project are large enough that many large reservoirs of water, man-made lakes, have been created that have flooded out flora, fauna and humans from their normal territories. The dams displaced or killed these plants and animals. Enough trees have been killed in the reservoir from the dams that the dams and reservoirs will be a carbon source not a carbon sink like small hydroelectric dams are.

In addition, as mentioned in the first paragraph, people were also displaced. This project displaced the Pessamit Innu tribe of Quebec and according to the tribe, they have not been compensated yet. I do not want to be part of a project that continues to treat indigenous peoples as a roadblock and inconvenience.

Very few people in New Hampshire will use little of the electricity from this project. Most of it will ended up in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Massachusetts has the Energy Diversity Act that requires a specific amount of electricity come from specific renewable sources and Massachusetts is currently debating if the electricity from Hydro Quebec can be considered. There is much debate about whether it should be or not. Therefore, I ask, why clear a strip of land for transmission lines, with only a small amount to be buried, if Massachusetts might not use that power.

Finally, I like my neighbors to the north, Quebec, Canada but I also think that it is wise and certainly in our best interest to be energy independent. Why would I want to send billions of dollars to Quebec when we can keep it here in New Hampshire? I would rather support many small hydroelectric dams located throughout New Hampshire than support a few mid-sized to large hydroelectric dams in Canada. In addition, I do not want to reward a company, Hydro Quebec, for burying 11 miles of transmission line in Quebec, but when asked about burying 8 miles in Concord, they explained that it is too expensive.

This project creates many problems for the environment and for people while the reason to lower the electricity prices in New Hampshire may not be touched at all. Why does this project, to lower our electricity bills, with all of the environmental and social problems to see no or very little change in our electricity bills.