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To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Northern Pass

December 16, 2017

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Please see also a letter **sent to you and the SEC** by Mr. Yizchok Rudich, developer of the Baker Brook site in Bethlehem.

It is dated January 23, 2017

The masthead is "Presidential Mountain Resort. 1108 Main Street, Bethlehem, NH 03574

That letter illustrates the claim that Northern Pass cannot be trusted. Mr. Rudich sent it in January to the SEC Committee, praising NP for a supposed agreement to relocate a transition station.

Now NP has pulled the rug out from under that "agreement".

(The letter is a PDF file and cannot be attached. But it comes up with a simple Google search for "Presidential Mountain Resort".)

Thank you.

DEAR MS MONROE:

I am writing to urge the SEC to deny the Northern Pass application. There are many reasons to do so, but the most recent example, which affects my town of Bethlehem directly, IS THEY CAN'T BE TRUSTED TO DO ANYTHING THEY SAY THEY WILL DO.

The example is the trick they've played on the developer of the Hilton Homewood Suites here in Bethlehem. They apparently told him, and had some sort of agreement, that they would move the planned transition station back from the proposed location on Rt. 302 in order to make it less conspicuous to people coming for extended stays.

Now Eversource says they are not going to move that station. There is concern here that this could endanger the Hilton project. And not only that one. This developer has plans to redo the blighted Baker Brook cabins directly across the road. If he is able to go ahead with the Homewood Suites, in which he has already invested a lot of time and money, he could be a lot less eager to spend more money in that area directly across from what will be not only a transition station but plans that show it will be flanked by two towers.

This project is very important to the town. Aside from the more than \$300,000 in taxes it will bring. It will also bring people. A transition station isn't going to come into town to have breakfast at Maya Papaya, or at Ben Woo's new donut shop. A transition station isn't going to come to have dinner at the Cold Mountain Café or Rosa Flamingo's. And a transition station isn't going to attend a live performance at the Colonial Theatre or shop across the street at Ragamuffins or buy groceries at the Village Grocery.

But people are. People who would come for extended stays at the Homewood Suites.

The developer really was duped by Eversource. At a Planning Board meeting on November 15, his representative talked about how the developer had written a letter supporting the project because Eversource had agreed to move that station but that now he felt betrayed and never would have written the letter, or bought the property, if Eversource hadn't agreed to the move. How can you trust a company that would do that?

His representative at that meeting talked about all the elaborate landscaping that's planned for the hotel because they want it to be beautiful. He said the developer was going to meet with Eversource the following week and had asked for a plan to screen a 130 foot tower. Good luck with that.

At this point, the town hasn't heard anything from anyone about what happened during that meeting and it's almost a month later. We're being left completely in the dark. And given this project's penchant for confidentiality, it's doubtful we'll know what promises were made – and would be renegeed on again. I don't see how this developer could give Eversource the benefit of the doubt.

I don't see how this company could be trusted to do any of the things it says it will do to reduce environmental threats, to try to reduce traffic issues, to move a transition station..... how it could be trusted to do anything.

This project benefits no one other than Eversource and a Canadian company. I urge members of the Site Evaluation Committee to think about what will benefit Bethlehem. It isn't Northern Pass.

Mrs. Farrell