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Subject: Northern Pass - Vote No - Please read my Email.

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Ms Pamela G. Monroe Adminstrator Site Evaluation Committee 21 S Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord NH 03301 Pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov

Re: Northern Pass

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 spent every summer and most winter vacations in New Hampshire since I was born. I care deeply about the future of the North Country, its beauty and its people.

I have been following the Northern Pass project closely since it became public knowledge. I am saddened to know the proposal to build high transmission towers are still under consideration. I find it abhorrent that wealthier towns that have agitated against having to see high towers in their back yards have secured a promise to put the lines underground, whereas poorer communities who lack the resources to fight this project have not. Rich or poor, native or not, people go to the North Country to enjoy the natural unspoiled beauty, the mountains, the woods, the rivers and streams, and the views.

This project is shortsighted.

- 1. It will destroy the beauty of the landscape.
- 2. It will destroy habitat.
- 3. It will not benefit the people of New Hampshire in any meaningful way other than perhaps providing for temporary installation jobs and a small number of maintenance jobs.
- 4. The impact of the exceptionally high transmission towers on the viewshed will negatively impact the tourism business, which is vital to the area's economy.
- 5. 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. As our planet and our country become increasingly densely populated and noisy, don't you think there is a moral obligation and inherent value in protecting our lands for our children and for future generations?

Why not be visionary rather than shortsighted and cave in to corporate profits?

Please vote against the Northern Pass. Do the Right Thing. Your grandchildren will be proud.

Sincerely,

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