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Ms. Monroe:

All over this country, we are doing bad things to our environment and our quality of life in the name of gaining more energy. Yet the XL pipeline project was just cancelled for lack of interest, and it isn't clear the Dakota project is needed. I read recently in the Boston Globe that Eversource was in good shape for power generation. The broad adoption of solar panels by Massachusetts homeowners may be a contributing factor.

So with decreased need for this power, it isn't even clear that any transmission method is needed. However, if the decision is made to go forward, then there should be no reason why New Hampshire should lose one of its very special attractions, the beautiful and largely unspoiled White Mountains, when reasonable alternatives exist to transmit power from Quebec to Massachusetts.

There is no reason the transmission lines can't be buried, other than desire for absolute maximum profit. Eversource and Hydro Quebec could use the right of way already in place for power lines. Moreover, we've all seen the damage caused in NH and elsewhere in New England by ice storms and hurricanes. These extreme weather events will increase in number and severity over time, according to credible climate scientists. It makes no sense to put massive power poles through the White Mountains which are vulnerable to extreme weather, when buried lines would be much less likely to be impacted.

I sincerely hope NH will reject the Northern Pass proposal. This does not benefit NH in the long run — jobs will be created for burying the transmission lines just as much as for building towers — and any benefit will be significantly outweighed by the damage done to the state.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Marceau