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To: [Monroe, Pamela](#)
Subject: Northern Pass comments
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Dear Ms. Monroe,

I am writing to pass along my thoughts and comments regarding the Northern Pass Project as both a shareholder of Eversource (and its predecessor companies) for approximately 40 years, and as a resident of Milan, NH for 55 years. I have followed the debate and feel it is time to share my insights. As a shareholder, I am disappointed with the manner Eversource management and representatives have handled this project. Sharing my concerns with senior management has been neither productive nor gratifying. In all fairness, some of the positions taken by opposition groups have also been disappointing.

As both a shareholder and northern NH resident, I can support the project only if the entire line is buried. Despite the greater initial expense of this option, it serves the long-term interests of the company and its shareholders as well as local residents. Investment in the newer technologies of buried transmission lines is forward thinking that will provide long term benefits such as reduced maintenance and greater security while minimizing visual impacts. On my farmland there are three utility ROWs, two above ground and one buried and I have seen first hand the long term advantages of a buried utility. Failure to adopt this option by project proponents has created animosity, delayed approval, and jeopardizes successful bidding on future supply contracts.

While burial does entail some negative environmental effects, most of these are short term during the construction phase. As demonstrated by the Portland Natural Gas pipeline constructed in the region almost 20 years ago, a major utility project can be completed while minimizing, though not eliminating, the long-term scarring of the landscape. Utilizing existing utility and transportation corridors further minimizes this.

Burial of the transmission line in its entirety will still provide most of the touted benefits of near term economic stimulus, adding alternative sources to the energy mix, and the positive aspects of utilizing a renewable energy source with a low carbon footprint. At the same time, it will minimize the long lasting negative economic effects that an above ground transmission project will create in a region desperately trying to revive its economic well being through recreation and tourism.

I am a firm believer in having the truthful facts and based on that acting in the best interest of the majority of NH citizens. It is a philosophy which served me well for over 25 years as an investigator at the NH Department of Environmental Services; I can only hope that the Site Evaluation Committee will adopt this same philosophy. If so, I believe the Committee will conclude that the only option which best serves NH citizens and the project participants in the long term is complete burial of the line.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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