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**To:** Monroe, Pamela  
**Subject:** Northern Pass

*Resending. Please be advised, this email was originally sent on December 19 but transmission was not completed.*

December 19, 2017

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, and telling, example, which affects my town of Bethlehem directly, is the credibility of the Northern Pass TOWERS project, is they can't be trusted to do anything they say they will do.

Please see the letter at the bottom of this email that memorializes the agreement between Eversource/Northern Pass and the New York developer of the Hilton Homewood Suites here in Bethlehem.

On January 23, 2017, the developer of the former Baker Brook properties in Bethlehem, Mr. Yizchok Rudich, sent the letter below) to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee confirming a Memorandum of Understanding that Eversource/Northern Pass project would (The online link to the letter is: [https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015.../2015-06\\_2017-01-23\\_comment\\_pmr.pdf](https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015.../2015-06_2017-01-23_comment_pmr.pdf)), and I presume the original resides in the NHSEC files.)

At a November 15, 2017 meeting of the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board, David Eckman referred to an outparcel on the property and said: That's now owned by Renewable Properties, which is Eversource. He said he knows there's a memorandum of understanding in place to move the Transition Station back from Rt. 302. He said that a week ago he was told maybe something was going on and Eversource might not move the tower like they agreed to previously. He said something was going on behind the scenes, which he joked is above his pay grade.

The hearing was open to the public. At a town Planning Board meeting on November 15, 2017, Mr. David Eckman, the representative for the Hilton Homestead developer, Mr. Yitz Rudich, spoke of how the developer had written a letter in January, 2017, supporting the project in response to Eversource's reassurance that it would locate the Transition station out of sight of the Hotel complex.

Now in November Mr. Rudich was told that Northern Pass/Eversource never made any plans to relocate its Transfer Station #5 as promised, but would remain in precisely the same original location that was of concern to the Hilton developer, Mr. Rudich. Mr. Rudich wrote his letter of "praise" for the Northern Pass project in reliance on the assurances of Northern Pass/Eversource's promise to protect the Hilton project future clients.

Now he feels betrayed and says he 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?

Mr. Rudich relied on the Northern Pass/Eversource assertion of relocation, believed he had some sort of agreement for relocation, and is now being told NO, they would move the planned transition station back from the proposed location on Rt. 302 to make it less conspicuous to Hilton guests.

Eversource's apparent disclaimer about the promise of a switch is not only concerning in the development of the original area, it is also creating confusion and concern about the developer' plans to redo the blighted Baker Brook cabins directly across the road. If M. Rudich 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 the station 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 relied on Eversource's assertions, and at a November 15, 2017 meeting of the Town Planning Board, David Eckman, of Eckman Engineering in Portsmouth, NH and the contractor for Mr. Rudich, recounted the developer's reliance on Eversource's word and wrote a letter supporting the Northern Pass project. Now he feels 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 separate 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 reneged 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.

I look forward to learning about the SEC's position about the reliability of Northern Pass assertions of any kind.

Very truly yours,

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January 23, 2017

Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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RE: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-06  
Northern Pass Transmission Project - Eversource

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am writing on behalf of Presidential Mountain Resort LLC ("Presidential"), developer and proponent of a redevelopment project planned for the area across from, and abutting, the Project's proposed Transition Station #5 on Route 302 in Bethlehem.

Presidential owns property abutting Transition Station #5 to the north and east identified by the Bethlehem tax assessor as Map 201, Lot 27 ("Presidential Parcel") on which Presidential is seeking approvals to develop a hotel in conjunction with a coordinated plan of development of the Presidential Parcel and Lots 28 and 29, also owned by Presidential (the "Presidential Development").

This letter is to express our appreciation of Eversource's collaborative and supportive efforts to date regarding the Presidential Development. Eversource actively sought our input on the proposed Transition Station #5 vis-à-vis our project, listened to our suggestions, and is working with us on our development needs.

Our project includes the renovation of the deteriorating Baker Brook cabins and the addition of a proposed restaurant – in addition to a hotel. Our proposed project is expected to revitalize a blighted area, and create economic benefit in the area by increasing tax revenues and advancing tourism and the economy in Bethlehem and neighboring areas. The Presidential Development has, for example, the potential to increase traffic to restaurants in Bethlehem, to bring more people in to play golf, to visit local businesses, and to increase attendance at movies and live performances at the Colonial Theatre.

From a business perspective, collaboration with the Project is important to the success of our redevelopment plans. We also appreciate the Project's efforts to bring affordable energy into the region and lower the price of energy on New Hampshire businesses.

We hope the information provided is useful in your review of the Project application.

Sincerely,



Presidential Mountain Resort LLC  
By its Member, Yizchok Rudich

cc: Bethlehem Board of Selectmen  
Bethlehem Planning Board