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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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RE: Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/ b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility to Construct a New High Voltage Transmission Line and Related Facilities in New Hampshire Docket No. 2015-06

Members of the SEC: As the period for public comment comes to a close, I note a recent comment from Brad Campbell, President of the Conservation Law Foundation:

"There was inadequate public engagement on the Northern Pass side...There were many, many points at which Eversource New Hampshire lost credibility with the public by not disclosing or by making representations that later turned out to be inaccurate, and the minimization process was entirely without significant stakeholder input."

I would like the record to show that my experience as a Select Board member, concerned citizen, and project abutter in Deerfield completely supports Mr. Campbell's analysis. In our initial letter to the SEC of 14 May of 2017, my husband (Town Moderator) and I stated that we had found Eversource to be completely untrustworthy and not forthcoming with concerned citizens in our town, Deerfield:

"When they first came to Deerfield, Rebecca was a Select Board member and urged the representatives who appeared in our town to provide other public forums for dialog. This initial presentation was all one-on-one, with no opportunity for answers to our questions to be heard by others or recorded. The subsequent presentations continued to be highly orchestrated and did not provide for an open give and take."

We note that subsequent Eversource presentations continued to be highly orchestrated and never provided for adequate dialogue with our community, which stands to be deeply impacted by Northern Pass project.

We urge you to listen to the citizens of New Hampshire, who have consistently voiced the message summarized by Mr. Campbell. Other options exist. Clean Power Link in Vermont and Granite State Power Link in New Hampshire have worked with Towns and abutters. By their record, we do not believe that Eversource has provided full and complete disclosure to the public of their plans, per NH RSA 162-H:1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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