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My residence has been in New Hampshire since 1968. I own my home, participate in town meetings and am active in my community. My three children were raised here and we have often recreated in the White Mountains including spending summer weeks in Sugar Hill and Easton as well as hiking and skiing.

Northern Pass must not denigrate the beautiful countryside and our magnificent views.

Businesses count on tourists. State and local government counts on tax revenue, resorts and camping rely on visitors seeking vistas along with clean air and water.

NH residents also wish to continue enjoying our surroundings without impediments. Some of our communities have considered "view" taxes that can increase revenues. Town revenues are generated by local property taxes. Large projects that impact property values such as Northern Pass often reduce property taxes on those affected buildings and land. The result is that the loss of revenue on those properties must be recouped by higher assessments and increased taxes on the remainder of the residents. The result is not only financial loss but it also creates resentment among the citizens.

My experience through several terms in the NH legislature and several terms on our Select Board which is responsible for management of town revenues is that local solutions are often reconciled through goodwill and fair financial incentives. From my vantage point Northern Pass hopes to transmit power on the cheap for customers that are mostly not in the Granite State.

My belief is that a solution could proceed to bury all the lines as other areas have chosen. By using right of way along town roads, state highways or interstate highways and/or railroad beds the incentive would generate revenues for the impacted communities and eliminate the potential of obstructing the views and scenery in our beautiful state.

Thank you for your consideration.