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To: Pamela Monroe
Northern Pass Project

RE: Northern Pass Through Plymouth Main Street

Dear Pamela,

My sleep has been troubled lately after the visit and informational tour last week pointing out the proposed path of the Northern Pass Line down Main Street in Plymouth.

Last night I awoke with the clear thought that there are two perfect and almost ready-made paths for the Northern Pass to be buried through the town of Plymouth without putting all of the Main Street businesses in in a very, very difficult situation for an unknown period of time.

Listed Below:

1. The **railroad bed and track through Plymouth** runs parallel to Main Street, but just a step toward the river, beside Green Street. It would be out of the way of businesses as work would be done along the track, and the bed is somewhat prepared in a straight and direct line. Replacing the railroad track seems that it would be much more cost effective for Eversource than replacing the infrastructure under Main Street (not to speak of disruption of businesses).
2. **Green Street** would also provide a much less disruptive and more direct location for the Northern Pass line to run. It would disrupt one house of student rooms, the Court House, the Town Park near the river, and the town Maintenance yard. Traffic rerouting would be very straight forward, yet Main Street and traffic to Plymouth State University would be very much left out of the construction disruptions.

Either of the above locations for the Northern Pass line would be far, far superior to the proposed disruption on Main Street. I have sincere worries about my business and retaining my valuable and hard-to-find barbers during the time that business is disrupted and flattened with your project. Barbers work and depend on an income on a day-to-day basis, and if their income is disrupted they are quickly forced to seek other places of employ. They are independent contractors in my shop, so each of us is dependent on the daily attendance of customers. If we don't work, we don't earn a living. I fear that I will lose some of my barbers!

Also, my business depends on the daily flow of customers, both new and old along Main Street to keep the business going and growing. I do not see any way that Eversource can compensate each of us (5 barbers) for the unidentifiable losses that we will suffer, both current and future! And for Plymouth there is really no season that is slow and opportune for the construction project. Summers are very busy with tourists, and during the University year, we depend on students dropping down to the friendly Main Street for their haircuts and visits to local stores.

I would very much like to hear from someone with knowledge and authority that can explain to me why Eversource can't run the line along one of the above suggested paths through Plymouth if the project does gain approval. It seems that the chosen path was created to punish the town of Plymouth for burying the line, making the business owners and employees suffer for the cost of the line burial. If you take an objective look at the harmonious, calm and beautiful, yet busy Main Street in Plymouth, you will have to agree that you are going to scramble and upset a very peaceful and functional small town business district.

I hope someone gives this note a close reading and gets back to me to explain why the seemingly absurd path has been chosen through Plymouth. You could not find a more punishing way of putting power through our peaceful town!

Sincerely,

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