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

I submit the following email as a Public Comment in the Northern Pass SEC application.

I am a 24-year resident of Bethlehem, and have worked on Main St. in Franconia for 24 years as well.

I oppose Northern Pass due to the unmitigated disruption and destruction that it will cause to scenic vistas across the state where it is above ground, and to businesses along the way where it is in-ground.

Tourism is the cornerstone of business in northern New Hampshire. Nearly everyone who lives here has relied on tourism for their livelihood at some point in their lives. People do not come to the North Country to see hideous towers disrupting the mountain views. They come for the beauty of the land. Northern Pass would forever change that, ruining the landscape and impacting an area that is already one of the poorer areas of the state, all for the benefit of southern New England states and Eversource. Please put New Hampshire first.

In areas beyond Bethlehem where the line will be buried, the disruption to businesses and the safety issues caused by such construction at the entrances to two schools (even impacted by summer construction, as Lafayette Regional School in Franconia is used by the Recreation Department during the summer) will be severe. In Bethlehem, we have been so thrilled to hear that a Hilton Homewood Suites has received Planning Board approval, returning us to our turn-of-the-century grand hotel tourism routes, but we hear that that is now in doubt due to Eversource refusing to relocate a large station that it had told the Hilton owner would be moved. That would be a great loss to the Town of Bethlehem.

Finally, having read press reports of the hearings, I am baffled as to how or why the hearings are even taking place, since it is clear that the plans haven't been finalized, and in places, it is not even known exactly *where* the line will be buried. How can the SEC properly evaluate a site when the plans are not yet final?

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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