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Dear Pamela Monroe,

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I write to you again as a NH resident. Born and raised in a family owned inn in Franconia, I understand the importance of our scenery and landscape on our tourist industry and the fragile existence of small businesses. I am also keenly aware that the NPT has failed to answer questions posed by Franconia's Select Board which reflect the residents' commitment and opposition to the NPT as sited in Franconia.

*With the resistance and refusal of Eversource/NPT to work with communities across our state since its inception, and the demonstrated willingness of Granite State Power Link/NATIONAL GRID to work with communities in NH, why is NPT continuing to be pushed upon the people of NH, who are (I believe) 12:1 against this project? It is not that the people of NH are against *anything, it is that we are against *this project.

My main questions and concerns are:

- Refusal of NPT to even consider siting the HVDC line along I-93, which is a designated utility corridor.
- According to Lara Saffo's motion on behalf of the Grafton County Commissioners for a application for NPT, the project sponsors told the public that in Grafton County, in particular, they would bury the transmission line under the blacktop of state roads, not in abutters' front yards. That was the project for which they applied to the SEC. This new plan is different, and has much more affect on people's properties and businesses.
- By running the lines along Rtes 18 and 116, it would interrupt fragile small businesses and homes alike. Places such as Franconia Inn, Franconia Glider Port, Tamarack Tennis Camp (where my daughter works, whose campers cross the road to get to their tennis courts and would be facing open digs) would have business interrupted for months and put visitors in harm's way.
- Rte 116 is part of favorite local and grand scenic cycling routes around the Franconia region, a tourist/cycling draw to the area.
- Eminent Domain: I have an immediate family member with a house that sits right on Rte 116. How is digging up her yard for this project not Eminent Domain? And how is doing so for a for-profit private out of state company from which Franconia and NH receive no benefit possibly considered to be for the greater good?
- Why is NPT not required to comply with any local ordinances, when local establishments, all small businesses, are held to local ordinances. Why is an out-of-state for-profit large business not held to standards and regulations?
- Why is NPT allowed to submit an incomplete application to the state?

-How is our NH DOT, which has plenty of work across the state for a small budget expected to provide support for NPT on the sites?

-Rte 116 was gravely damaged in the most recent storms in June 2017. What will be the effect on the proposed dig sites on the roadsides in the next big storms?

-There are 65K tourist industry related jobs in NH (2015 number), including half of my immediate and extended family. Having grown up in a small business in Franconia, NPT's tourism expert offers a conflicting view of regional vs. local businesses in regards to his assessment of impact of Northern Pass. The jobs offered by NPT (and for some reason already being advertised by the company which has yet to complete the application process), mostly temporary and calculated creatively, do not come close to the number of jobs threatened by this project.

-NPT would negatively affect all of NH. I recently had the opportunity to hike Mt. Kearsage. In addition to our White Mountains, the southern I-89 corridor is also a draw for hikers and tourists from out of state into the small towns such as Warner and Webster. The views from above encompass Wadleigh, Winslow, and Rollins State Parks and stretch toward Concord and past Franklin toward Mt. Washington. This project threatens more than just our White Mountains. The proposals in and around Concord and its surrounding area will expand the scar as far as the eye can see.

-My children and I choose to take our summer vacation in our Great North Woods each year and are reminded on each trip of the locals' fight against the NPT as every stretch of road we pass professes overwhelming opposition to the Northern Pass Project.

Thank you for your services and for taking the time to read this. Please listen to the overwhelming majority of the people of NH and deny approval of the Northern Pass Project. We are NH, and NPT is not beneficial to us.

Sincerely,
Kathy Stroup