

## SEC COMMENTS COLLECTION

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To the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

I am a lifelong New Hampshire resident. My family can trace its roots in New Hampshire back hundreds of years, I am proud to be a descendent of the first pioneers of the picturesque town of Stark. Throughout my life, I have grown to appreciate how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful and special state. However, I have also come to realize just how delicate our tiny state really is, and how easy it could be exploited.

Tourism is one of the state's largest industries, and its natural beauty is a major reason why. It always amazes me each fall when I see people come from all over the world to admire New Hampshire's beauty in the natural art show that is the foliage season. However, Eversource Energy's proposed Northern Pass Project could create a tear in the canvas.

Although the current proposal buries the Northern Pass transmission lines in the popular White Mountain Region, I find Eversource's decision not to bury the lines in the Great North Woods upsetting. Although I am a resident of the Seacoast, I spend a lot of time in the Great North Woods. As you are aware, that part of the state has faced economic hardship, especially after the mills downsized and closed. However, with the growing ATV trail network, a pending reopening of the Balsams, the future revival of the Nansen Ski Jump, an LNAH team coming to Berlin, and being home to miles of some of the country's most breathtaking, unspoiled scenery, the Great North Woods has a lot of tourism potential. These are the projects our state should be focused on, as they would bring permanent benefits to the region and would better respect the region's heritage.

I am aware that Les Otten, the developer of the Balsams, has shown support of the Northern Pass. However, I need to stress that he accepted a \$5 million investment loan from the Northern Pass Forward NH Fund in exchange for his support. The proposed route would not go within sight of the resort, but would still trample over other New Hampshire natural and cultural landmarks.

The big issue I have with that Northern Pass is that it would be a disruptive project that would bring our state little to no benefit. It would not bring more than a couple permanent jobs to New Hampshire at most, and would not lower electrical rates. Furthermore, New Hampshire already produces a surplus of electricity, and we would only get ten percent of the power delivered by the Northern Pass. The reality is, most of the benefits would go straight to Southern New England and into the pockets of Eversource and Hydro Quebec executives. There would not be much for the state to regret if this project is denied, but once the Northern Pass is constructed, there's no going back. New Hampshire would forever have to deal with the consequences.

The job of the Site Evaluation Committee is to put the needs of New Hampshire first. It has become clear that the Northern Pass would bring very little benefit to New Hampshire, and the residents of the state have made it clear that we do not want the Northern Pass. If this were to pass, it would be a true embarrassment. I urge you to put the needs of the state you serve first and deny Eversource Energy's permit for the Northern Pass.

Sincerely,

Daniel Day