

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-06

**Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC
and Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility**

**PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BARBARA LUCAS ON BEHALF OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON**

November 15, 2016

Background and Qualifications

Q. Please state your name and address.

A. My name is Barbara Lucas. My address is 2875 River Road, Bridgewater, NH 03264.

Q. Please describe your official capacity for the Town of New Hampton?

A. I have been the Town Administrator for the Town since 1995.

Purpose of Testimony

Q. What is the purpose of this prefiled direct testimony?

A. My testimony is being presented to introduce the results of a 2011 vote by town residents in reference to the Northern Pass Project. In April 2011, the Town of New Hampton put before the residents a resolution objecting to Northern Pass as proposed. In a near unanimous vote (only 5 votes in favor of the project were recorded), the Board of Selectmen adopted the resolution, and in the intervening years the town has submitted written and verbal testimony to the Dept. of Energy, the Site Evaluation Committee and our State and Federal elected officials. The town, like many other affected communities, has recognized that there existed a middle ground whereby the project could be constructed while recognizing the many concerns of New Hampshire residents; and therefore the town has consistently advocated for the complete burial of the project. I enclose the results of the 2011 vote whereby the residents of town voiced their opposition to the Northern Pass Project. The Board of Selectmen is also in opposition to the project for the reasons stated in the Board's Motion to Intervene.

Q. Does this end your testimony?

A. Yes.

PUBLIC FORUM
NORTHERN PASS PROJECT

April 16, 2011 10am

Town House

1. Moderator opens meeting at 10am.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduce Board of Selectmen (Paul Tierney, Kenneth Mertz & Nathaniel Sawyer, Jr).
4. The Board asked that Neil Irvine of Blake Hill Road be recognized for his efforts and working with the Board on this issue. Thank you Neil.
5. The Board noticed this meeting and it is open to Residents and Property owners of New Hampton. The Board sent over 1200 postcards for this meeting to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders in New Hampton to be heard.
6. Before we proceed "Could you please raise your hand if you are not a resident or property owner in New Hampton?" We welcome you to observe but ask that you not participate in the discussion or vote on the resolution. (MOVE to one area in the room???)
7. Explanation of the process here today:

This is a Public Forum in which the Board has called, in order to provide an opportunity for all the residents and property owners of New Hampton to state their opinion on the Northern Pass Project. All comments will be addressed to the Moderator.

There is a proposed resolution that has been drafted based on the comments and concerns that the Board has heard to date. This resolution has been passed out

and I will read it to you. Once I have read the resolution I will accept a motion and second to discuss the resolution and then will open it to the floor for discussion. If any New Hampton resident or property owner would like to speak, either to make a statement, ask a question or amend the resolution, we will ask that you state your name and your address or street location of your property. Discussion will continue until such time those present are prepared to take a vote on the resolution as amended or as currently stated. It will take a motion and second and then a majority voice vote to amend the resolution. Then if amended another motion and second to proceed to a vote on the resolution as amended.

Once the resolution is in its final form it will be a ballot vote. You will proceed to the Town Clerk to receive a YES/NO piece of paper. You will tear the sheet and put your vote in the ballot boxes provided. Once the Moderator has closed the meeting an immediate count will be done and announced.

We thank you for taking the time to come to this meeting on a Saturday morning and participating in this important issue. We encourage you to go to the Town website for future information on the Project. There are several links on the website and you can also find additional information on the internet. We also encourage you to sign up for the Email Connection, which the town uses to send out notices and important town events. You can sign up on line or pick up a form that is here.



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April 28, 2011

Governor John Lynch
State of New Hampshire
Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Subject: Northern Pass Resolution

Dear Governor Lynch,

On April 16, 2011 the residents and landowners of New Hampton met in a Public Forum to discuss the proposed Northern Pass Power Transmission Project of direct current (DC) transmission lines and their passage through New Hampton. This was the third meeting held on this subject by the Board of Selectmen.

After an hour of discussion, by a vote of One Hundred and Forty (140) for and Five (5) against the Townspeople approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Northern Pass Power Transmission Project of direct current (DC) transmission lines would pass through the Town of New Hampton at the gateway to the scenic White Mountains and along the Pemigewasset River Valley, and

WHEREAS this project would blight the landscape and devastate the values of properties within its transmission corridor and adversely impact fragile wildlife habitat and wetlands located within said Town, and

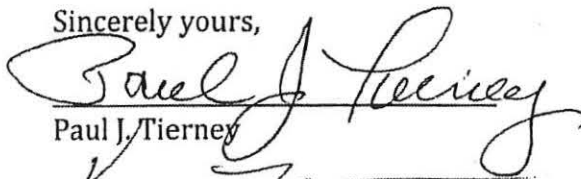
WHEREAS this project would make the area less attractive for outdoor recreational activities and tourism since a huge visible impact constructed and erected through and above the Town, or the communities within the Town's surrounding view shed, will cause inestimable damage to treasured residential and scenic private properties and the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy, and the health and wellbeing of its residents,

RESOLVED that the Town strongly objects to this project, as it is presently proposed, and is committed to oppose construction of any

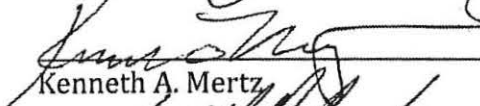
portion of the Northern Pass high voltage Transmission Line in the Town of New Hampton and the State of New Hampshire and that a copy of this resolution be sent to our governor, state and national senators and representatives and to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee.

As stated in the resolution, it is being sent to you for your information and with the hope that you will support our community in their opposition to the Northern Pass Project.

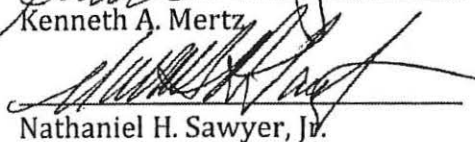
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul J. Tierney".

Paul J. Tierney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Mertz".

Kenneth A. Mertz

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.

New Hampton Board of Selectmen