

November 15, 2016
State of NH site evaluation committee
Docket No. 2015-06

Re: 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

Pre-filed direct testimony of Carl Lakes

Name & address

Carl Lakes, 18 Loop Road, Easton, NH 93580

Representing

I am representing myself only. Though I am part of the Bethlehem - Plymouth underground route intervenor group, I am speaking only for myself in the matters to be discussed.

Background

Retired NH citizen. Previously worked in supply chain for a large company. Easton Conservation Commission member.

Purpose of testimony

Being directly affected by the Northern Pass transmission line, a number of ethical and moral issues must be raised with regard to the SEC process and its obligation for insuring a fair hearing and fully understanding the project impact to the environment here in NH and Canada.

Below, in short form are my concerns.

1. The application by Northern Pass was submitted as incomplete. The SEC accepted the application in violation of showing good faith to all parties, particularly the people affected. This is a failing that has yet to be rectified leaving opposing parties at an extreme disadvantage.
2. The PUC granted Northern Pass utility status and accepted a \$20 million settlement to be paid upon approval of the transmission line by the SEC committee. This is a violation of ethical fair play and shows bias to the applicant since the opposition has no legal recourse to even the scale.
3. The three members of the PUC, which negotiated this deal sit on the SEC. This is reprehensible in all ways and subverts the process and sets the stage for extreme bias because of monetary incentive to approve.
4. By accepting the application the SEC will be facilitating the horrific destruction of natural habitat in Canada, deforestation on an unimaginable scale, genocide of animal populations, displacement of native Indians, and pollution of waters.
5. By accepting the application the SEC will be party to the ruination of scenic roads - routes 116, 112, 18, 3. These scenic roads are a treasure and will be scarred when trees are removed never to be planted again, land to be leveled to accommodate the line and splice boxes, warning posts and manhole covers planted along sides of the road. NPT will never be able to give detailed information before the final decision, so landowners will be left disadvantaged. This points to unfair bias in the process because the applicant does not want to make clear the extent of natural destruction and the SEC appears to be facilitating this action by constant accommodation to the applicant.

Most Sincerely, Carl Lakes

