

**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 DANIEL P. MOORE ON BEHALF OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON**

November 15, 2016

1 **Background and Qualifications**

2 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

3 A. My name is Daniel P. Moore. My address is 893 Dana Hill Road, New Hampton,
4 NH 03256.

5 **Q. Please describe your official capacity in the Town of New Hampton?**

6 A. I have been the Chairman of the Conservation Commission since 2014 and a
7 member of the Conservation Commission for the Town of New Hampton in 2000.

8 **Q. What is your professional background and experience?**

9 A. I have been employed by Plymouth State University (PSU) since 1990. During
10 that time I taught in both PSU's MBA and undergraduate business programs, served as Chair
11 of the Business Department, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and most recently as Vice
12 Provost before returning to the CoBA faculty. I earned my Bachelor's Degree at Kent State
13 University, an MBA at Youngstown State University and a PhD at Drexel University. I
14 have served on numerous town committees and non-profit organization boards, and worked
15 as a consultant to various for-profit and non-profit organizations. My academic and practical
16 interests involve strategic management, organizational dynamics, and organizational change.

17 **Purpose of Testimony**

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

19 A. My testimony is being presented on behalf of the Conservation Commission for
20 the Town of New Hampton.

1 **Q. Is the Conservation Commission concerned that the Northern Pass Project**
2 **will unduly interfere with the orderly development of the Town of New Hampton?**

3 A. Yes. The Conservation Commission for the Town of New Hampton has
4 concerns about this project's impact on the rural character of areas in town, as well as its impacts
5 to the residential and commercial properties that are adjacent to the proposed project. As
6 currently proposed, any public benefits are outweighed by the negative impacts that the project
7 will have on the Town of New Hampton. For further information, please see my attached report.

8 **Other Impacts**

9 **Q. Are there other concerns that the Conservation Commission for the Town of**
10 **New Hampton has about the impacts of the Northern Pass Project?**

11 A. Yes. The Conservation Commission for the Town of New Hampton has concerns
12 about other issues, which includes impacts to natural resources, historic sites, aesthetics, and the
13 public interest. It is anticipated that further testimony on these additional issues will be provided
14 by the deadline of December 30, 2016.

15 **Q. Does this end your testimony?**

16 A. Yes.



Town of New Hampton

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November 10, 2016

To whom it may concern,

Re: Northern Pass' proposed use of overhead cable in New Hampton

Northern Pass currently seeks permission to string additional cable on new structures that range in height from a minimum of 70 ft to a maximum of 125 ft, which will mean an increase in the most common structure's height by at least 100%, over 7.3 miles of New Hampton. The path of this proposed project includes three separate spans across the Pemigewasset River. It is to these spans of the river that this missive is directed.

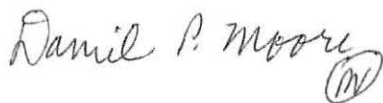
The Town of New Hampton has a long history with and commitment to managing the Pemigewasset River as a valued asset for present and future generation. As an example of direct involvement, in the early 80's the town, through its conservation committee, convened a meeting of officials from the 13 towns that line the river from Franklin to Lincoln to discuss meaningful approaches for communities to work in concert to protect the river's water quality, recreation potential, and **scenic beauty**. One outcome of this meeting was the creation of interest in having ongoing coordinated planning along the river, which spawned establishment of the Pemigewasset River Council and Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, two organizations involved with providing input and guidance for public and private activities in, on, or near the river. The town also supported NH Department of Transportation's New Hampton - Bridgewater Scenic Easement as a way introducing I93 travelers to our natural **scenic beauty** here in New Hampton.

The above activities reflect a preference expressed in New Hampton's master plan for the charms of a rural life with a strong affinity for nature's beauty. Therefore,

it is difficult to understand why New Hampton citizens would accept a lessing of the aesthetic pleasures in their community merely to further the private commercial interests of Northern Pass, especially when alternative solutions exist.

Northern should consider continuing to bury the cable through New Hampton or at the very least respect the community's desire for and appreciation of scenic beauty along the Pemigewasset River and bury the cable in accordance with state and federal regulations under the three river crossing in New Hampton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel P. Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a small circular mark at the end of the last name.

Daniel P. Moore, Chair of the New Hampton Conservation Commission (NHCC)