

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2015-06

**RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY
NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION, LLC – EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

PREFILED TESTIMONY OF RODERICK C. MOORE, JR.

November 15, 2016

1 Q. Please state your name and address.

2 A. Roderick C. Moore, Jr., 43 Sherwood Circle, Salem NH 03079.

3 Q. What is your interest in this proceeding?

4 A. I own 243 acres of property in Stewartstown, NH along with three other partners. My
5 partners in ownership are Chris Thompson and Joseph Dunlap, both of Windham, NH; and
6 Shawn Brady of Dunbarton, NH. We have all been recognized as intervenors in this proceeding.
7 Our Stewartstown, New Hampshire property will be directly impacted by the proposed facility
8 that the Applicants have proposed to build in this proceeding.

9 Q. How will your Stewartstown, New Hampshire property be impacted if the
10 Applicants' proposed project is permitted and built?

11 A. Our property is in the Great North Woods tourist region of New Hampshire and
12 includes a deeded right of way running from the Heath Road through land that the Applicants
13 claim to have the right to cross with their transmission project. We acquired our Stewartstown
14 property approximately 16 years ago to use as a recreational property for vacationing, camping,
15 hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and general enjoyment of the beautiful and rugged Stewartstown
16 countryside around Coleman State Park. Our 243 acres is bounded by Coleman State Park on

1 the east and south sides. The sole access to our property is provided by a 50 foot wide deeded
2 right of way from the Heath Road that runs approximately 2000 feet along the west side of
3 Coleman State Park. Our property includes substantial high ground, including all of Paul Hill
4 and the eastern slope of Holden Hill. The Northern Pass transmission line proposed by the
5 Applicants would, if built, cross directly over our right of way and be within view of much of the
6 high terrain on our property. The entryway to our property would be forever degraded and the
7 recreational purposes for which we purchased the Property would be severely impaired.
8 Moreover, the property value would be destroyed or diminished substantially because its
9 wilderness, bucolic and scenic values would be reduced from spectacular to nonexistent given
10 the huge commercial gash that would cross the surrounding terrain containing a huge barb wire
11 encircled transition station, numerous industrial transmission line towers and the clear cut
12 corridor proposed by the Applicants. The heavy construction activities planned by the
13 Applicants would obstruct and, at times, block our right of way and damage our road, thus
14 depriving us of our use of our property and causing certain loss of value of our property. The
15 Applicants' project would also severely damage the scenic values of the surrounding area,
16 especially Coleman State Park. The Applicants' proposal would construct a transition station
17 and 28 steel transmission towers of various types up to 120 feet high—all of them visible from
18 our property high above the area tree line along the entire southern boundary of Coleman State
19 Park from Holden Hill Road in Stewartstown to the Dixville line crossing over scenic Diamond
20 Pond Road and then up to the highest and most visible ground in the area over Sugar Hill. The
21 proposed towers would carry 1090 MW HVDC transmission line strung from large insulators,
22 arms and braces through what is now virtual wilderness areas using a new clear cut corridor 120
23 feet wide. The proposed project would thereby transform the pristine scenic values present today

1 into an industrial scar and eye-sore that would virtually destroy the scenic and cultural values on
2 our property and on the entire southern boundary of Coleman State Park and its entryway on
3 Diamond Pond Road in Stewartstown just north of the Colebrook town line. By virtue of the
4 foregoing potential impacts threatened by the Applicants, our rights, duties, privileges,
5 immunities and other substantial interests would be adversely impacted by this proceeding in
6 numerous ways, including but not limited to: loss of the value and use of all or a portion of our
7 property; loss of the value and use of our deeded right of way needed for access to our property;
8 violation of our rights as property owners opposed to any use or taking of our property for the
9 Northern Pass Transmission line project; impairment of our property rights, including our
10 ownership interests in the right of way and rights of access to our property; the illegal attempt by
11 the Applicants to use the SEC to act or rule in such a manner as to allow the Applicants to take
12 our property and right of way without our consent and without any right having been granted to
13 the SEC to exercise or use the State of New Hampshire's power of eminent domain and without
14 any ability in the SEC to award compensation or damages to us; the illegal attempt by the
15 Applicants to use the SEC to act or rule in such a manner as to take our property without our
16 consent and without any right in the Applicants to exercise or use the State of New Hampshire's
17 power of eminent domain for their proposed project; infliction of damage to wetlands near our
18 property; temporary loss of use and enjoyment of our property due to the Applicants' blocking,
19 damaging and closing of our right of way; and loss of esthetic and scenic values of Coleman
20 State park and the greater Stewartstown and Colebrook environment that forms the highly
21 valuable Great North Woods Tourism Region backdrop for our property.

22 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

23 A. Yes.

I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that this testimony is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Roderick C. Moore, Jr.

Roderick C. Moore, Jr.