STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE DOCKET NO. 2015-06

Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service of New Hampshire dba Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility

Pre-Filed Testimony of Tim and Brigitte White

**Property Owners** 

November 13, 2016

----What are your names?

Tim and Brigitte White

72 Lancaster Road, Whitefield, NH 03598

----How long have you lived in Whitefield?

We have lived in Whitefield, at this residence, for 19 years

----What is your standing in this case?

We are intervenors in this docket, grouped with the Dalton, Whitefield, Bethlehem abutters

----What is the purpose of your testimony?

The substation is across the street from our house and the powerline runs next to our house by about 150 feet where the towers are proposed to be built. The purpose of this testimony is to have the SEC deny this application.

-----How has this project affected you?

It has put stress and aggravation on us because our home, our lives will be destroyed. We have been very happy here and to think it can be all taken away. This is OUR home. If the project gets approved, they will force us to sell our house(if we can) and move somewhere else. Will Northern Pass pay for that? Of course not. It's just amazing that with so many people against this, so many homes and land at stake that people are just overlooking this. I ask, "Those people who want the project, would you like these towers to be built next to your home?"

----What are your major concerns about Northern Pass and it's towers? <u>Visual</u>: We would be looking at these towers every single day for as long as we live here-- every time we look out our windows, walk out the door, spend time outside. There is no getting away from it.

<u>Noise</u>: We do hear some noise from the substation now but nothing as to what we will hear from the towers.

<u>Property value</u>: The value of our home will be greatly diminished because we live so close to the towers. If we were to sell our house, no one would want to buy it or we wouldn't get what we want for it. We know people who are trying to sell their house but get turned down from potential buyers because they find out that Northern Pass is trying to go through.

<u>Enjoyment of property</u>: We love where we live and our home. We worked hard for what we have and to think it can be taken away from us. We are raising our children here and plan to stay here and in the future perhaps have our grandchildren come here to visit and enjoy our home and land. This project will destroy everything we have accomplished and our dreams. <u>Our town</u>: There are major routes that come into our town and all of them will be impacted, visually, by the towers and most of these areas have scenic views. We have a resort in town, Mountain View Grand, and the views from there are beautiful but that will be destroyed if the towers get built. This project will not go well for our town.

In conclusion, again, please deny Northern Pass access to our homes, properties and state.

Respectfully,

Tim and Brigitte White