

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

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 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Q: Please state your name and home address.**

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**Q: What is the nature of your supplemental testimony?**

A: To add information concerning cultural landscapes to be evaluated, the evaluation of which was not laid forth prior to the previous round of testimony submission.

Also, to retract certain prior pre-filed testimony which is no longer relevant.

**Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

A: To highlight several suggested cultural landscapes in the northernmost portion of Coos County, particularly those adversely impacted by Northern Pass.

Q: What are the cultural landscapes you would like to highlight, and their boundaries?

A: There are several:

Indian Stream, for its rich and unique history. The landscape, including historic homesteads, cemetery, school house, etc. are all very well preserved. The Indian Stream Valley is of both local and national historic importance, and it has high visual integrity. The proposed transmission line would very negatively impact the approach to the valley, from

both Rt. 3, and Rt. 145.

Bear Rock. This is an area in the eastern part of Stewartstown that is directly impacted by the proposed project. The landscape includes original homesteads, infrastructure related to the hydrology in the area and its historical development, and Bear Rock itself. Bear Rock itself should qualify as a Site (natural feature, rock formations are specifically listed), under the National Register guidelines. It is comparable to Simonds Rock, a natural feature in Merrimack that is State listed. Bear Rock is documented in early records of Stewartstown, in historical maps, in "Sunday River Sketches", and in Stewartstown Memories. (See attached photos.) It is prominent in early town history, and has been used a navigational point. The proposed line travels underground through most of Bear Rock, but the line comes above ground in a transition station that partly overlaps the rock of Bear Rock. This proximity and the related excavation would impair the integrity of Bear Rock.

Riverside: a village in western Stewartstown (distinct from West Stewartstown). A cluster of historical houses, school and church, significant for the historical integrity, and the history of French Canadians in the local culture. The proposed line would be visible in several areas from Riverside.

North Hill. Several historic properties, including a school, church, and several cemeteries. The line would be visible from North Hill.

Harvey Swell. Large intact cluster of hill farms. Two of three pre-1900 homesteads still completely intact, with high integrity. Third farm still has a cellar hole and high-drive easily visible. High aesthetic impact with over 40 towers visible in many places, according to the DOE draft EIS.

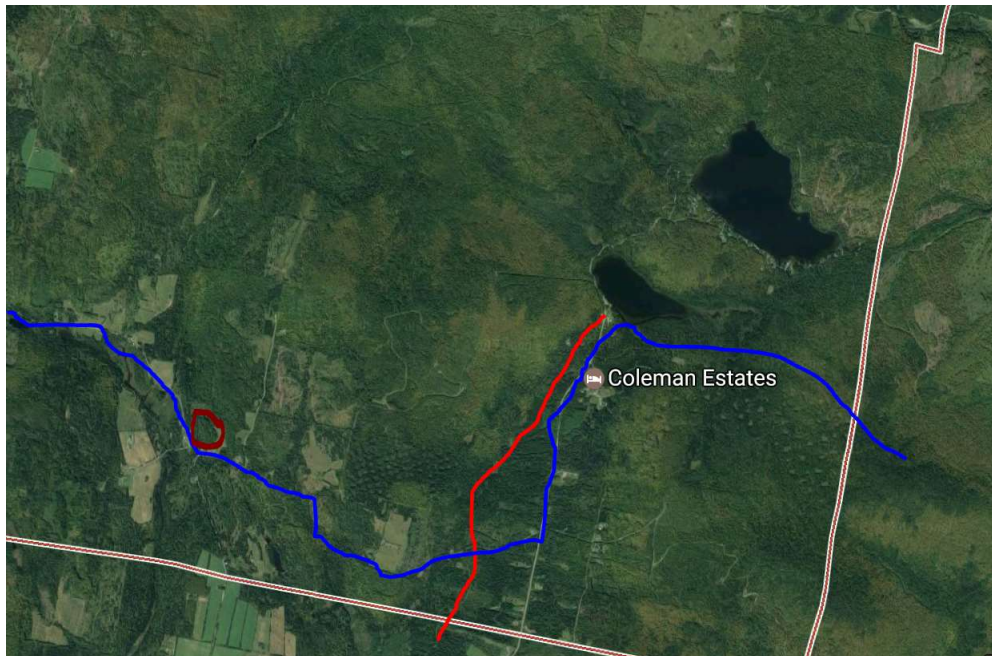
Diamond Ponds and Coleman State Park, with associated resources. The Diamond Ponds and Coleman State Park as a wellspring of cultural history as it relates to the outdoor and recreational economy. The Park was created when the State purchased the estate of Horace C. Coleman in 1957. Prior to that a private estate surrounded Little Diamond Pond. Big Diamond pond has several fishing camps surrounding it, and has long been renowned for its fishing. Coleman State Park also serves as a nexus for other recreational resources, including the Keith Haynes snowmobile trail, one of the oldest in the North Country (and now over 50 years old, meeting the historical criteria.) It was the first groomed trail in the North Country. The Cohos Trail also passes through Coleman State Park on its way to Bear Rock, and points further north. The Ride the Wilds ATV network passes through Coleman, etc. Coleman and the Diamond Ponds tell the story of the recreational economy in the North Country, and Coleman is the lynchpin of the recreational economy in Stewartstown today. Northern Pass would be highly visible from the Cohos Trail in several areas, from the Keith Haynes snowmobile trail in at least one area, where they cross, and several towers would be highly visible from Little Diamond Pond and Coleman State Park. Towers would also be highly visible from the Sugar Hill outlook along the Ride the Wilds trails.

**Q: Which prior pre-filed testimony would you like to retract?**

I would like to retract certain elements of my pre-filed economic testimony from Dec. 30, 2016. I would like to retract all testimony from page 8 onward. The rationale is that the underlying time-frames and economic projections have changed. The applicant is working on updated economic analysis, the PPA they submitted has been denied, the timetable for completion has changed, etc. My prior testimony is no longer relevant.

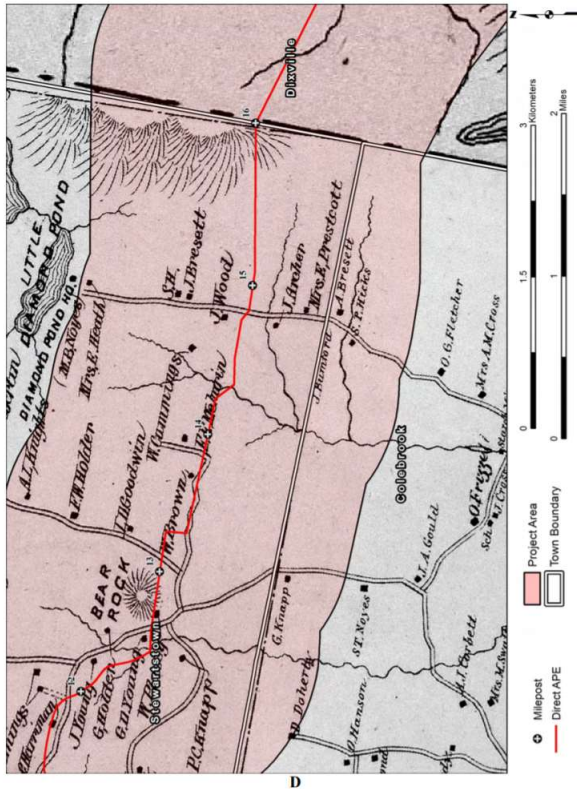
**Appendix:**

Light red represents the Keith Haynes Snowmobile Trail. Blue, the Cohos Trail. Dark red is the location of Bear Rock (the rock). Northern Pass would emerge from the ground directly adjacent (and partly on), Bear Rock, run parallel to the Cohos trail, crossing it once (and again in Dixville and Stark). It also crosses over the Keith Haynes snowmobile trail, and is highly visible from the Sugar Hill outlook of the Ride the Wilds ATV system, near the town line (red and white line).



- 1 Annotated historical map showing the approximate location of Northern Pass. Note the  
 2 location of Bear Rock, and Little Diamond Pond, as well as the S.T. Noyes Homestead, and  
 3 the J.A. Gould Homestead. Both were mentioned previously and are of high integrity. Both  
 4 would be highly impacted visually, as would be the accompanying agricultural landscape.

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 AREA FORM AREA NAME: NORTHERN PASS – GREAT NORTH WOODS



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- 1 Harvey Swell- S.T. Noyes Farm: Early to mid-1800s.



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- 4 Harvey Swell- J.A. Gould Farm: Early 1800s. Noyes farm is directly to the left, outside of frame. Northern  
5 Pass would cross the height of land in the background.

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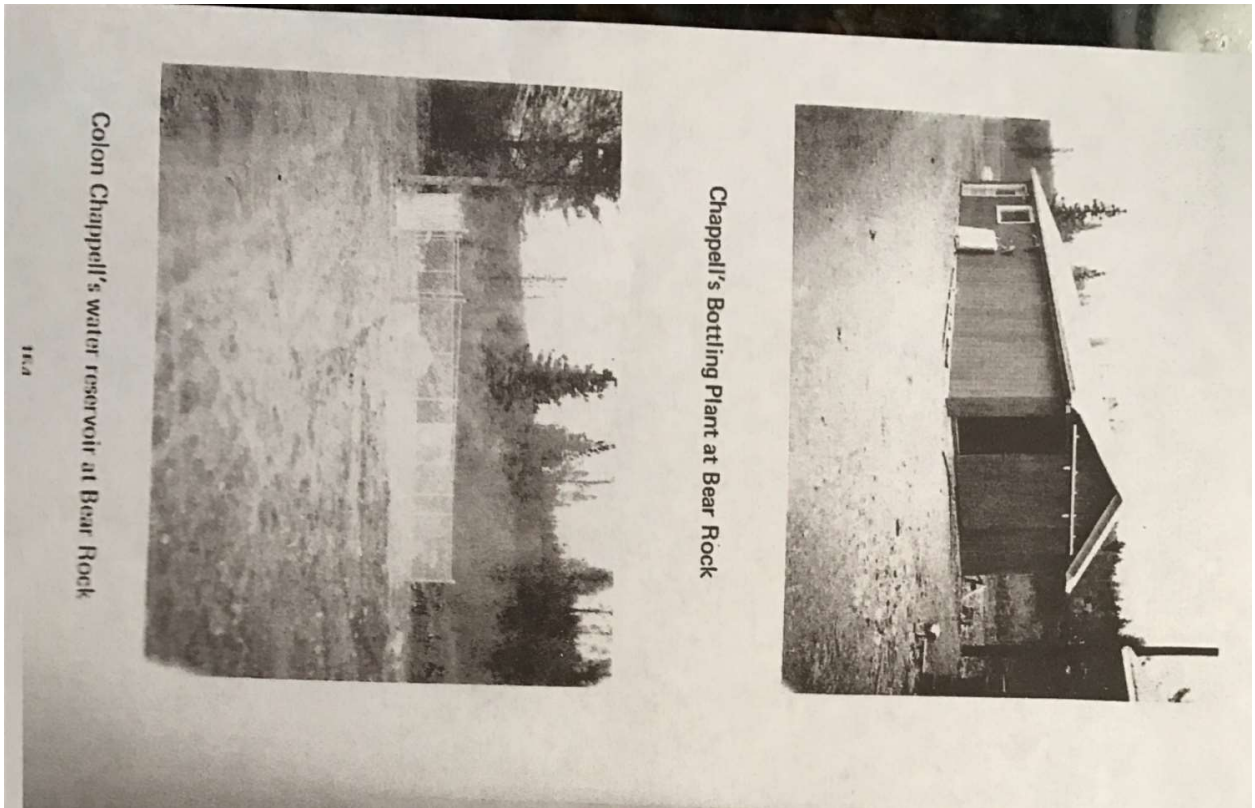
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- 1 One of the many springs at Bear Rock:



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EXHIBIT 7



# Berlin Repo

THE BERLIN (N.H.) REPORTER — Wednesday, May 4, 1977

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## Spring water from Stewartstown

### *No claim to cure, but 100 per cent pure*

By Susan Hill

A 67-year-old man selling spring water from Stewartstown has become one of the most sought-after figures in Berlin these days.

When the news of Berlin's contaminated river water hit the headlines last week, Colon Chappell, of Pittsburg, decided to mosey a few miles south to see if his wares were needed.

They were. The two Prince's IGA stores each bought five cases of his spring water, which he says comes from glacial deposits in the Connecticut Lakes region.

The 2½-gallon jugs, two per case, sold out quickly. The grocers reordered 42 cases between them the next day.

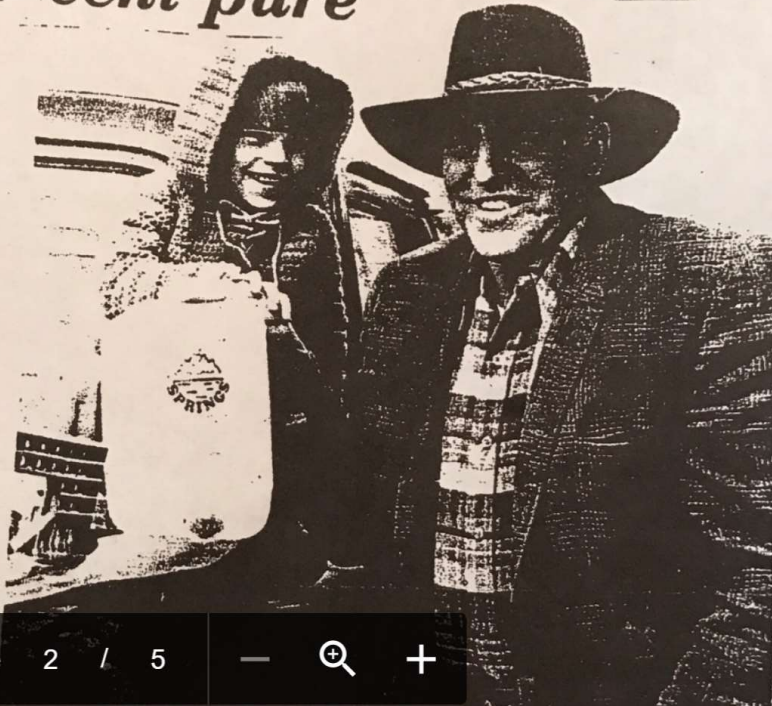
"Oh, there's the man with the spring water," people on Main Street were overheard saying last Friday.

Chappell calls his pure product of nature Glacial Springs. His new corporation, which began business last summer, is Green Valley Farms, Inc., located in the Bear

Rock area of Stewartstown.

The idea came to Chappell three years ago, some time after he bought land just off Bear Rock Road. He discovered that the marsh-land on his property had unusual prospects — and value.

Known for taking on any unusual project — from tapping 5,000 maple trees and paving driveways to raising 100 Black Angus and bounty hunting for bobcat — Chappell soon realized that his



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- 1 Bear Rock School (since moved to Colebrook), and Bear Rock. Northern Pass has described blasting
- 2 "ledge", in their documents. This ledge is in fact the back side, and south eastern slope, of Bear Rock.

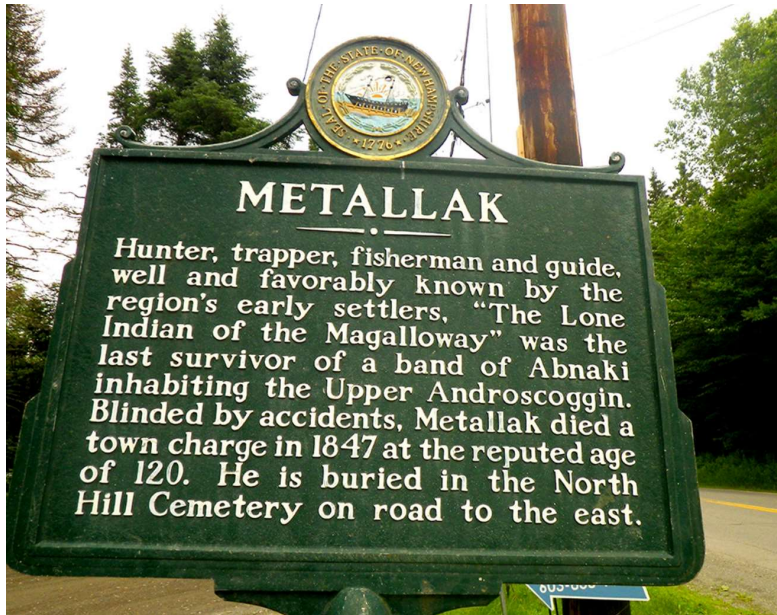
Myrtle (Comstock) Hurlbert  
Teacher at Bear Rock School  
with class at "Bear Rock".



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- 1 Metallak Historical Market near North Hill Cemetery:



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- 3 1800's Schoolhouse, Indian Stream



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## 1 Indian Stream Historic Marker:



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## 4 Farms along Indian Stream:

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1 Indian Stream Valley



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