

State of New Hampshire
Site Evaluation Committee
Docket No. 2015-06

**Joint Application of Northern Pass, LLC and Public Service
Company of New Hampshire d/b/a/ Eversource Energy for a
Certificate of Site and Facility**

Supplemental Pre-filed Testimony of Susan E. Percy, Intervenor
for the Percy Summer Club

My name is Susan Percy. I represent the interests of The Percy Summer Club located in Stark, New Hampshire. The Percy Summer Club, a collection of Adirondack style camps situated on the western shore of Christine Lake, is surrounded by the Nash Stream Forest and the Kauffmann Forest. The Percy Summer Club maintains public access to trails in the Nash Stream Forest and access to recreational pursuits on Christine Lake.

In addition to Pre-filed testimony and a Response to questions posed at the Technical Session, I am submitting supplemental information around the issue of visibility of structures from Christine Lake itself which is required in NH SEC Site 305 rules and NH SEC rule Site 102.25-Key Observation Points. I am also correcting one area mistakenly identified as “Dummer” Hill.

Additionally, members of the Percy Summer Club met with representatives of Eversource Energy on March 28, 2016 to review the proposed structure heights and design, and the overarching concerns regarding adding structures to a narrow ROW upon which an existing underground gas pipeline exists. (DNA 51-PSC)

1. Site 305:

Terry DeWan stated in a follow up report that there would be no tower visibility from Christine Lake. It appears that he used limited applications in his assertion that there would be no tower visibility from the Lake. He did not state whether there would tower visibility from any amps situated along the western shore of Christine Lake.

The NH Division of Historical Resources reviewed the Northern Pass proposal on Christine Lake and determined

that there would be tower visibility from the Lake looking east. (DNA-50/PSC)

2. Site 102.25

Mr DeWan submitted a photosimulation from Victor Head in the Nash Stream Forest which showed tower and line visibility in the ROW where there is currently no tower visibility. In the Boyle report, the same viewpoint with a different orientation is used showing much higher visibility of the transmission line and identifies the impact as “adverse”. DNA-53/PCS)

Day 2 of the scheduled technical session of Mr. DeWan was cancelled. Because of the cancellation of the technical session day 2, the question as to why Victor Head was used for meeting the 102.25 requirements of the SEC rules is still outstanding. Potter’s Ledge, also located in the Nash Stream Forest, is closer to the ROW and has visibility of the transmission corridor looking east and southwest.

3. Meeting with Eversource Energy Representatives and Percy Summer Club members March 28, 2017.

A summary of the meeting between Eversource Energy and PSC members was completed and mailed to

Eversource representatives. This letter states that the ability of PSC members to clearly understand the impact of the proposed transmission line on the Club and views on hiking trails in the Nash Stream Forest is not available from the submitted plans. The project can be modified by Northern Pass with no requirement to resubmit plans to affecting landowners for approval. The claim by Northern Pass representatives that there is limited visibility from Nash Stream Forest, no visibility from Christine Lake, and no visibility from PSC camps, is predicated on tower heights of no more than 95 feet. However, estimate heights exist within all documents presumably allowing Northern Pass to alter the tower height based on conditions encountered on the ground. The proposed design plan should be made on the highest impact to all properties, scenic areas and ultimately all New Hampshire citizens, in order for a full understanding of the scope of the proposed project. (DNA-51/PSC)

4. Dummer Hill is actually Milan Hill, located in Dummer. looking east from camps on the western shore of Christine Lake. (Mistakenly identified as Dummer Hill.) The ROW is visible from numerous camp porches. From Milan Hill.

This concludes Supplemental pre-filed testimony for the Percy Summer Club.

Thank you.

Susan E. Percy, designated intervenor for the Percy Summer Club

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