

Comment

NH Site Evaluation Committee, Docket No. 2015-08

RSA 162-H:10,1

At the SEC hearing in Rindge, NH on 12-02-15, I posed the question of why the proposed natural gas pipeline was moved from northern MA to southern, NH with all of its' water, granite and small rural towns with limited resources to deal with any emergencies. Kinder Morgan responded that colocation on the existing electrical Right of Way was less destructive to the environment.

Colocation, in regard to this project, is a selling term invented by KM to make the public believe it will be contained in the existing ROW. In actuality, the 30-36 inch pipe which will carry the gas needs to be offset from the electrical power lines since it would corrode if it was located closely below those lines. The property we own does not directly abut the ROW. If colocation were other than a dream, our property would be safe. However the ROW needs to be enlarged by 100-150 feet, the true amount varies by which KM Representative you ask. In addition to this information, the latest maps show a work area on our property that would further invade us, and eliminate many mature trees, some at least 60 feet tall. We are not alone in this scenario, countless others in numerous towns face the same desecration because the ROW needs significant enlargement.

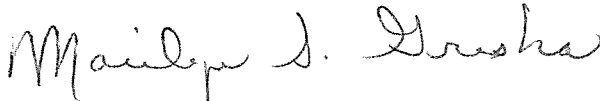
Please don't believe, in any way, that colocation is the reason for this move. It will destroy untold trees, wildlife habitat (some for endangered/special concern creatures), and change some of our parks, conserved lands, water resources and our beautiful rural character. Perhaps the people from Texas who are driving this project have no concept of the many things we treasure.

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It was unfair that all questions posed were reviewed by KM staff before being given for the Judge to ask the panel. Many every difficult questions never surfaced for review.



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