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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:13 AM

To: Monroe, Pamela **Subject:** Northern Pass

Dear Ms. Monroe:

As homeowners in Plymouth and property owners in Thornton, New Hampshire, we fully support the Petition for Declaratory Ruling on the Northern Pass project brought by the Towns of Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Clarksville, Deerfield, Easton, Franconia, Littleton, New Hampton, Northumberland, Pembroke, Pittsburg, Plymouth, Stewartstown, Sugar Hill, Whitefield, and Woodstock; the City of Concord; the Ashland Water and Sewer Department; the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests; and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

RSA 231:160 firmly states that "only municipalities have the authority to authorize or not authorize the erection, installation, or maintenance of electric power poles or structures or underground conduits or cable, or their respective attachments or appurtenances, on, across, or under locally maintained highways, regardless of whether the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (the "NHDOT"), the SEC, or other agencies have authority to permit or license other portions of any proposed facility."

The New Hampshire SEC needs to send a message that laws matter in this state by granting this Declaratory Ruling.

Peter & Pamela Martin