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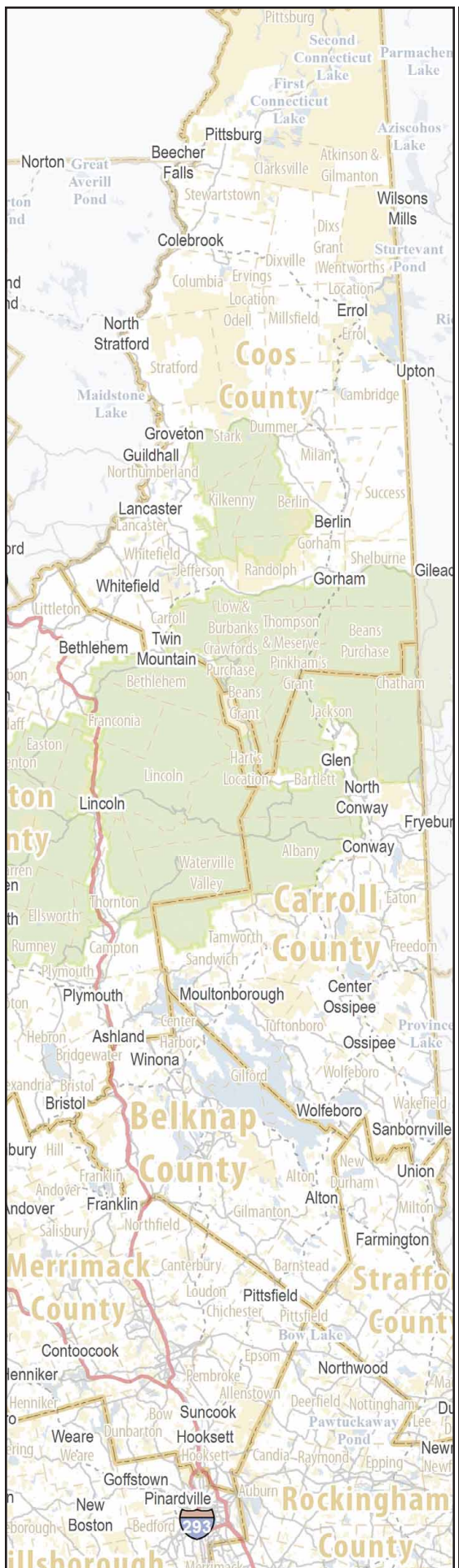
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**NORTHERN PASS
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

VOLUME 3: APPENDIX L

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY DELIVERY
AND ENERGY RELIABILITY
WASHINGTON, DC**

AUGUST 2017





Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585
August 2017

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is the final *Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0463) prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and its implementing regulations.

The United States Forest Service (USFS) – White Mountain National Forest, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region 1, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – New England District, and the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (NHOEP) are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

The proposed DOE action in the final EIS is to issue a Presidential permit to the Applicant, Northern Pass LLC, to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S./Canada border in northern New Hampshire (NH).

DOE has prepared this final EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts in the United States of the proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives, including the No Action alternative. Under the No Action alternative, the Presidential permit would not be granted, and the proposed transmission line would not cross the U.S./Canada border.

In addition to its Presidential permit application to DOE, Northern Pass LLC applied to the USFS for a special use permit that would authorize Northern Pass LCC to construct, own, operate and maintain an electric transmission line to cross portions of the White Mountain National Forest under its jurisdiction. The final EIS will be used by the Forest Supervisor of the White Mountain National Forest to inform the Record of Decision in regard to this requested use.

DOE will use the EIS to ensure that it has the information it needs for informed decision-making.

The final EIS will also be posted on the project EIS website, <http://www.northernpasseis.us/> and DOE's NEPA website at <https://energy.gov/nepa/listings/environmental-impact-statements-eis>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Mills".

Brian Mills
Transmission Permitting and Technical Assistance,
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy

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United States Environmental Protection Agency– Region 1
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New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning**

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TITLE: Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0463)

LOCATION: Coös, Grafton, Belknap, Merrimack, and Rockingham counties in New Hampshire

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ABSTRACT: Northern Pass Transmission, LLC (Northern Pass) has applied to the DOE for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a 192-mile (309-km) electric transmission line across the United States (U.S.)/Canada border in northern New Hampshire (NH). This final EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts of the Project (Proposed Action), the No Action Alternative, and ten additional action alternatives (Alternatives 2 through 6, with variations). The NH portion of the Project would be a single circuit ± 320 kilovolt (kV) high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line running approximately 158 miles (254 km) from the U.S. border crossing with Canada in Pittsburg, NH, to a new direct current-to-alternating current (DC-to-AC) converter station to be constructed in Franklin, NH. From Franklin, NH, to the Project terminus at the Public Service of New Hampshire's existing Deerfield Substation located in Deerfield, NH, the Project would consist of 34 miles (55 km) of 345 kV AC electric transmission line. The total length of the Project would be approximately 192 miles (309 km).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: In preparing this final EIS, DOE considered comments received during the scoping period, which extended from February 11, 2011 to June 14, 2011, and was reopened from June 15, 2011 to November 5, 2013 (DOE accepted and considered all comments during the scoping period from February 11, 2011 to November 5, 2013), and the public comment period on the draft EIS (July 31, 2015 through April 4, 2016). Comments on the draft EIS were accepted during the 45-day period

following publication of EPA's Notice of Availability (NOA) in the *Federal Register* on July 31, 2015; the public comment period was extended until April 4, 2016 following publication of EPA's NOA of the supplement in the *Federal Register* on November 20, 2015. DOE held four public meetings on the draft EIS in Colebrook, NH on March 7, 2016; Waterville Valley, NH on March 9, 2016; Concord, NH on March 10, 2016; and Whitefield, NH on March 11, 2016. All comments were considered during preparation of this final EIS. Appendix L in Volume 3 of this EIS contains the comments received on the draft EIS and DOE's responses to these comments. This final EIS contains revisions and new information based in part on comments received on the draft EIS. Vertical bars in the margins marking changed text indicate the locations of these revisions and new information. Deletions are not indicated. Appendices J and K in Volume 2 and Appendix L in Volume 3 are entirely new parts of this EIS; therefore, they do not contain bars indicating changes from the draft EIS.

The EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of DOE issuing a Presidential permit for the proposed Northern Pass Project, which is DOE's proposed federal action. DOE will use the EIS to inform its decision on whether to issue a Presidential permit. Additionally, Northern Pass has applied to the USFS for a special use permit (SUP) authorizing Northern Pass to construct, operate, and maintain an electric power transmission line crossing portions of the WMNF. The WMNF Forest Supervisor will use the EIS to inform its decision regarding: 1) whether to issue a SUP under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act; 2) the selection of an alternative; 3) any need to amend the Forest Plan; and 4) what specific terms and conditions should apply if a SUP is issued.

Copies of the final EIS are available for public review at 30 local libraries and town halls, or a copy can be requested from Mr. Brian Mills. The EIS is also available on the Northern Pass EIS website (<http://www.northernpasseis.us/>). DOE will announce its decision on the Proposed Action in a Record of Decision (ROD) in the *Federal Register* no sooner than 30 days after the EPA publishes the NOA of the final EIS. The USFS will announce its draft decision on the Proposed Action in a draft ROD in the *Federal Register* shortly after the EPA publishes the NOA of the final EIS.

APPENDIX L
COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

Attachment C.
Response to All Comments on the Draft EIS

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 21, 2016

ID: 8770

Date Entered: Mar 21, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Soils

Organization: Mrs.

Comment: Errosion

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COMMENT CARD

**NH Site Evaluation Committee, Docket No. 2015-06
Public Hearing, RSA 162-H:10, I-c**

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

LOCATION (circle one): Meredith (March 1); Colebrook (March 7); Concord (March 10);
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If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

Northern Pass will not bring jobs to NH. After
the pass is built the jobs leave. NH will not benefit
from Northern Pass and it will only take away the
value of my home, in which I worked over 30 years
to pay for my home. NO one will buy it with
a huge Tower in my back yard.
You are not Public. This is only private Gain.

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Thank you for your comment. Section 4.1.2 of the EIS addresses the anticipated impacts of the Project on adjacent properties, property values, and current/future tax assessments/payments. An exhaustive literature evaluation was undertaken to identify peer-reviewed studies which specifically assessed the potential impact of transmissions lines on adjacent real estate values. This information is presented in the Socioeconomic Technical Resource Report for the final EIS and in the EIS (Section 4.1.2). As a result of comments on the methodology and assumptions provided on the draft EIS, adjustments to the original analysis have now been updated in the final EIS. As these details are far too complex to be summarized within this response, the commenter is referred to both the Socioeconomic Technical Resource Report for the final EIS, and Section 4.1.2 of the final EIS. Section 4.1.2 also includes an evaluation of both construction related, and long-term employment and income within New Hampshire.

March 11th 2016

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Thank you for your comment.

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For the Welfare of
our Beautiful state,
Wild life, ENVIRONMENT
and People - Please
JUST SAY NO!!!!

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Thank you for your comment.

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TOWN: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

AS A LIFE-LONG NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENT,
I AM IN FAVOR OF PROMOTING RENEWABLE
ENERGY IN OUR STATE, BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE
OF OUR NATURAL BEAUTY, PRIVATE PROPERTY,
AND FOR THE SOLE SAKE OF EXPORTING
POWER TO OTHER STATES IN THE REGION.
WE NEED TO CREATE RENEWABLE POWER AND
LONG WAITING JOBS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE THAT
WILL ~~BEST~~ PRIORITIZE OUR OWN
STATE. NO TO NORTHERN PASS
NO TO EVERSOURCE.
GET YOUR ENERGY FROM THE SUN

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From: **Aaron Schomburg** Aschomburg@pds.org
 Subject: letter
 Date: **March 3, 2016 at 8:06 PM**
 To: apaschom@icloud.com



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 Thank you for your comment.

To whom it may concern,

For many years now I have witnessed the absurd and blatant disrespect of New Hampshire residents who are opposing the northern pass project. Living in New Jersey now, I am keenly aware of the degradation and immoral attitude that some people have towards both neighbors and nature. Pipelines, high-tension power lines, and superfund sites criss-cross this state and people seem unaware or conveniently naive to the harm that man has done to the environment and equally to their health and their children. It is truly too late for NJ to turn back the clock and be a good steward of both the land and the people.

It is not, however, too late for NH to recognize and validate their connection to community, neighbors and the environment. Once a state is cut by power lines, gas lines, mining, or other forms of environmental rape- it is set back, and will always struggle with what it could have and should have been.

I will not reiterate the reasons why northern pass is a money making scheme between southern states, shareholders, and a foreign country. I will not go into detail about the lessening of property values for landowners, and towns that rely on tourism. I will not share with you the lies about new job opportunities and the completely false need for electricity.

I will tell you that when I bring clients to NH to spend a week on a lake in Pittsburg, a week canoeing the headwaters of the Connecticut River, or a week of hiking in the White mountains they perhaps for the first time recognize that this is a special part of the world a place where community and environment coexist and care for one another- there is a symbiotic relationship between ones environment and ones spirit and health- this connection has been lost by many, EO Wilson calls this biophilia or a bond between humans and nature. The people I bring North recognize the special nature of our lakes, woods, river, and amazing White Mountains.

Imagine how they would feel if they were to have to canoe under towering power lines, hike with views of metal towers scarring a National Forest- why would they come here? What is special about NH if it is heading the way most other states have by showing a complete disregard of our primary calling- stewardship- of both the land, community and oneself.

Because I am a father I will end with this last comment- take your children out canoeing this summer on the Connecticut River, hike the Whites or Cohos Trail, spend time in a small village- then consider how allowing the northern pass to invade these spaces will more than likely forever change both the physical and emotional value of the state I call home.

Sincerely, Aaron Schomburg

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Public Comment Sheet

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For DOE

The "EIS" (11-2015) states that the yearly above ground (Alt.#2) state wide property tax revenue would be +29 million. It also states that if buried, the state wide property tax revenue would be +57.8 million. Yearly tax money to New Hampshire would be almost 29 million higher if buried. Why the difference?

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Thank you for your comment. The EIS addresses potential impacts on property taxes and employment anticipated as a result of the Project, including alternatives with buried segments (see Section 4.1.2 of the EIS).

Our town meetings in the north country always begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. Why don't you start these meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance?

A pamphlet ("Overhead Construction Process") handed out by No. Pass at the last Whitfield meeting stated that there would be 2,490 jobs during construction. The "No. Pass Transmission Line Project EIS" (11-2015) stated there will be 5,369 full time jobs during the three year construction. Why is there a 2,969 difference in these statements?

Bill Schomburg
Meriden Hill
Columbia, N.H.
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Thank you for your comment.

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If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

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I missed Concord, but I have been to the hearings in
Meredith & Colebrook as well.

I have been employed by Eversource for 12 years. I do
believe that the Northern Pass project is a beneficial
project for the state as well as the New England region.
I hope that you approve the project after your review.

I want to bring to your attention my observation
of the speakers. Generally speaking, most of the speakers
who have been to the hearings are retired or close to being
retired. The majority of the speakers for the project
are much younger & focus on jobs, economic development,
& the wish to work where they live.

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We all know that the north country (& many other areas of NH) need economic development help. Young people have the same goals these retired people build - to make a decent living & raise their families. They have to have ways to do that in Northern NH, and even in parts of southern NH.

I've had a second home in Pittsburg & now Columbia for 12 years. I've seen this happen time & again with the local young people.

The Northern Pass Project will bring jobs but also infrastructure improvements to the north (our hope). These will lead to ~~business~~ companies considering the area for locating their businesses, & the economic boost the area needs.

You (SEC) have an opportunity to help many areas of NH by moving this project forward.

I urge you to do so for the many people who want to work & raise their families in areas where others have already done so.

Thank you,

Cathy J. Clark

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If you have question(s) for the Applicant that you would like answered during the question and answer session, please write them below:

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AC 40-155ft
① What did Eversource pay to landowners originally for the right of way that the proposal path would use? (the current/existing ROW)

② Also what is the current value of these land easements now?

③ Does the value go up if the DOE & SEC approves the proposal?

④ Shouldn't the value of the land easement include the value Northern Pass gives to Eversource when discussing tax relief?

⑤ How many thousands of acres has HQ flooded

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to date & how many more are planned? of the ROW? what is

⑥ what will Eversource do to... of the ROW? what is

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Thank you for your comment. The Applicant is responsible for securing all necessary rights and land use approvals to utilize any route permitted by the SEC. As noted in Section 1.7.3.1 of the EIS, the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) is an eleven member committee representing state agencies and the public that review and act upon applications to construct energy facilities. This is a non-federal process in which DOE has no role. Sections 3.1.6.3 and 3.1.6.4 of the EIS discuss rights-of-way and the law, regulation and policy surrounding the use of public rights-of-way for a potential transmission route. Greater detail regarding the pertinent laws, regulations and policies is provided in Section 1.5 of the Land Use Technical Report.

No dams are a component of the Project. Any dams associated with the Project are located in Canada. Potential impacts in Canada from the construction and operation of electricity infrastructure, including hydropower generation and transmission in Canada, are beyond the scope of this NEPA analysis. NEPA does not require an analysis of potential environmental impacts that occur within another sovereign nation that result from actions approved by that sovereign nation. Additionally, the construction and operation of Hydro-Quebec power generation projects and electricity transmission line projects in the bulk Hydro-Quebec system will occur regardless of and independent to whether DOE issues a Presidential permit for the proposed Northern Pass Project international border crossing. For these reasons, potential environmental impacts in Canada are not addressed in this EIS. Section 1.5.4.1 of the Final EIS has been updated in response to this comment.

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Cultural Landscapes

Frequently Asked Questions

What are cultural landscapes?

Cultural landscapes are a part of the fabric of America's heritage. They're defined as any lands public or private, large or small, with historic significance (or importance in American history) and historic integrity (or physical authenticity). These lands are eligible for listing or are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the NPS has a federal leadership role in preserving them. Cultural landscapes reflect our multi-generational ties to the land as expressions of our need to grow food, give form to our settlements, enjoy places to recreate and have special places to bury our deceased. America has a rich legacy of cultural landscapes, from scenic parkways to battlefields, formal gardens to cattle ranches, cemeteries and pilgrimage routes to village squares and industrial areas.



A historic cemetery on Baker Island within Acadia National Park.

What are the types of cultural landscapes?

Cultural landscapes are complex cultural resources, and the NPS recognizes four general kinds of cultural landscape, though these are not mutually exclusive: *historic site*, *historic designed landscape*, *historic vernacular landscape*, and *ethnographic landscape*. These categories are helpful in identifying the values that distinguish cultural landscapes as cultural resources and in determining how they should be treated, managed and interpreted.

Historic designed landscapes are deliberate artistic creations reflecting recognized styles, such as the twelve-acre [Meridian Hill Park](#) in Washington, D.C., with its French and Italian Renaissance garden features. Designed landscapes also include those associated with important persons, trends, or events in the history of landscape architecture, such as [Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site](#) in Brookline, Massachusetts and the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) in Virginia and North Carolina.



Meridian Hill Park in Washington, DC is a nationally significant example of a historic designed landscape

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Thank you for your comment.

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Historic vernacular landscapes illustrate peoples' values and attitudes toward the land and reflect patterns of settlement, use, and development over time. Vernacular landscapes are found in large rural areas as well as small suburban and urban districts. Agricultural areas, fishing villages, mining districts, and homesteads are examples. The 17,400-acre rural landscape of *Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve* represents a continuum of land use spanning more than a century. It has been continually reshaped by its inhabitants, yet the historic mix of farm, forest, village, and shoreline have remained intact since the period of significance (the period for which the landscape is historically significant).

Ethnographic landscapes are associated with contemporary groups and typically are used or valued in traditional ways. In the expansive Alaska parks, Native Alaskans hunt, fish, trap, and gather and imbue features with spiritual meanings. *Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve* in Louisiana illustrates the strong interrelationship between the dynamic natural system of the Delta region and several cultural groups through many generations. Numerous cultural centers maintain ties to distinctive, long-established communities with ethnic identities.

Historic sites are significant for their associations with important events, activities, and persons. Presidential homes and battlefields, such as the *Big Hole National Battlefield* in Montana, are prominent examples. In these areas, existing features and conditions are defined and interpreted primarily in terms of what happened there at particular times in the past.

What is the special role of the National Park Service in the preservation of cultural landscapes?
 Numerous laws, NPS policies, standards and guidelines charge the NPS with the responsibility of preserving cultural landscapes and other historic properties in the national parks while assisting other federal agencies, states, municipalities and partners in their preservation efforts. The role of the NPS as the lead federal historic preservation agency stems from the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, requiring the secretary of the interior acting through the director of the NPS, to expand and maintain a National Register of Historic Places; establish professional qualifications and standards for the implementation of historic preservation; and require a process be followed to take into account the effect of undertakings with federal funds on historic properties (Section 106).

What is the role of the NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program?

The NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program serves to develop, implement, and oversee a NPS-wide program involving staff in the national parks, regional offices, centers, and the service's Washington office with a spectrum of roles dedicated to the preservation mission.

The role of the Washington office is to provide leadership, oversight, and coordination of all activities related to the preservation and protection of cultural landscapes, and

- To develop and monitor the application of regulations, standards, policies, and guidelines for research, planning, and stewardship of cultural landscapes;



Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve is an example of a nationally significant vernacular cultural landscape.



The Agiak Lake Caribou Hunting Landscape within Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve is an example of a locally significant ethnographic cultural landscape.



The residential property of presidents John and John Quincy Adams within Adams National Historical Park is an example of a nationally significant historic site.



Frijoles Canyon, a cultural landscape within Bandelier National Monument, was shaped by Ancestral Pueblo people from 1150-1600.

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- To implement strategic planning to for the Program's mission, vision, goals, and objectives;
- To seek partnerships with internal and external constituencies to preserve cultural landscapes;
- To improve the frequency and quality of treatments of cultural landscapes and lower administrative costs;
- To develop and implement the Cultural Landscapes Inventory (CLI), a comprehensive resource inventory of all cultural landscapes in the national parks;
- To provide technical assistance to regions, parks, and partners on complex cultural landscape preservation issues; and
- To organize, deliver, and participate in professional training opportunities about all aspects of cultural landscape preservation.



Oakland Plantation within Cane River National Historical Park was a French Creole cotton plantation from 1789 to 1997.

The role of the **Regional Offices and Centers** is to monitor the application of laws, regulations, management policies, director's orders, handbooks and standards, and:

- Undertake more intensive treatment projects;
- Provide professional services and technical assistance to the parks including preparation of a General Management Plan (GMP) or a planning portfolio including the Foundation Document (FD), Cultural Landscape Reports (CLR) and construction drawings and specifications;
- Maintain the CLI for parks in their region;
- Review and comment on documents prepared by other offices; and
- Organize, deliver and participate in employee development opportunities.

The role of the **Parks** is to implement the application of laws, regulations, management policies, director's orders, handbooks and standards, and:

- Protect the resources;
- Perform preservation maintenance and in some cases more intensive treatments;
- Undertake park planning including preparation of resource management plans;
- Seek sufficient funds and staff for research, planning and stewardship activities;
- Review and recommend documents prepared by other offices;
- Conduct NEPA and NHPA Section 106 compliance; and
- Seek partnerships with external constituencies to preserve their resources.

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TESTIMONY FROM CHARMAINE L. ROSE 3/10/16
 TO: NH SITE EVALUATION HEARINGS
 AT: GRAPPONE CENTER, CONCORD, NH

I live in Concord, NH at McKenna's Purchase in one of its 148 CONDOS. My Condo is about 100-150 feet from the Right of Way (ROW) carrying common high tension towers (approx. 43 feet high). This is the ROW Northern Pass (NP) intends to use for its giant towers of 85 to 145 feet tall. A number of my neighbors are even closer to the ROW than I am. Two or three neighbors are actually on the line of the ROW.

That is my personal story of why I totally oppose NP. But I also have profound concern for my State, for its people and for the natural beauty that is our main resource. NP says it will bury about 60 miles of the 192 through our State mainly through the White Mountains. They want to build the giant towers through the remaining 132 miles.

But New Hampshire's natural beauty is not just in the White Mountains. It is in the towns and forests and fields that exist all along the propose route. Creating an ugly scar through these places would be unconscionable!

Northern Pass says they ^{BURIED} buried only 60 miles because they didn't hear complaints in other parts of the State. This is absolutely untrue. There

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Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of Alternative 7 - Proposed Action, as well as the No Action Alternative (Alternative 1) and ten other action alternatives. A summary comparison of impacts is presented in Sections S.9 and 2.5 of the EIS. As explained in Appendix B, Section B.2.1 of the EIS, DOE's responsibilities under the Presidential permit regulations (10 CFR Part 250) are limited to responding to an application for an international border crossing for a transmission project. The scope of DOE's decision is whether or not to grant the requested Presidential permit for the Project at the international border crossing proposed in the amended Presidential permit application (August 2015). The Applicant is responsible for securing all necessary rights and land use approvals to utilize any route permitted by the SEC. As noted in Section 1.7.3.1 of the EIS, the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) is an eleven member committee representing state agencies and the public that review and act upon applications to construct energy facilities. This is a non-federal process in which DOE has no role. Sections 3.1.6.3 and 3.1.6.4 of the EIS discuss rights-of-way and the law, regulation and policy surrounding the use of public rights-of-way for a potential transmission route. Greater detail regarding the pertinent laws, regulations and policies is provided in Section 1.5 of the Land Use Technical Report.

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have been many complaints these past years. Hundreds (including myself) testified against it at the DOE (Dept. of Energy) hearings in September 2013. There have been countless meetings, petitions and help from State Officials, from City to State, including Senators Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen. Many town meetings have voted against NP as proposed. If NP didn't hear the complaints, they must not have been listening.

The best decision would be to not build NP at all. Is it really needed? It doesn't help New Hampshire. But, if it ends up being permitted, the only acceptable plan is to bury it the whole way, along NH highways.

Northern pass is a private enterprise seeking profits for its own exclusive use. They say it is too expensive to bury the whole line. If that is true (and I doubt it) I say, "forget the whole thing."

Submitted by: Charmaine Lucile Rose
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Concord, NH 03301

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Thank you for your comment.

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**RE: Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC
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for a Certificate of Site and Facility**

LOCATION (circle one): Meredith (March 1); Colebrook (March 7); Concord (March 10);
Holderness (March 14); Deerfield (March 16)

FIRST NAME: Carol LAST NAME: Conlon

STREET ADDRESS: 4 Fossett Drive

TOWN: Clarksville STATE: N.H. ZIP: 03592

EMAIL ADDRESS: NONE

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

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Last year at the Whitefield location when I attended that meeting I spoke on behalf of the forest and the people who are attracted to the beautiful strips that give us our scenic views. I asked that Eversource not cut so many trees along the now existing power lines if they did not listen and I stated proceeded to cut down many old growth trees along the highways and private properties, some trees being 200 years or more in age like the one in Stewartstown, an old maple tree that wasn't even that close to the lines and

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was on private land. It was not rotten and it was in the center of town near the town hall

There was no reason to cut this tree
and the property owner was not home
at the time. This was totally unnecessary
and this tree was the pride and
beauty of the neighborhood. I stopped
and I heard the tree cutting out of
the Blue truck, to please stop cutting
this tree because the owner was
not there and was not aware of
Eversource's sub-contracted company
was cutting her beautiful old growth
maple. This was a total loss for
the beauty of the town, Eversource
and its affiliates have proven time and
time again that they will not work
with the people. It is always their
way or no way. I ask how can
the power companies be trusted?
The trees cry out for justice and
God himself has heard our cries,
stop ruining the environment or
the Almighty will punish (you) those
ruining the earth! Amen!

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FIRST NAME: NATHAN LAST NAME COTE

STREET ADDRESS: 46 MARGATE DR

TOWN: AUBURN STATE NH ZIP 03032

EMAIL ADDRESS: nathan.a.cote@gmail.com

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

I would like to strongly urge the SEC
to approve the Northern Pass project. THIS
PROJECT IS VITAL TO THE RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES
IN THE STATE.

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Thank you for your comment.

0502-1
Thank you for your comment.

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PO BOX 245
ERROL, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03549
603-482-3665

Mr. Brian Mills

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability (OE-20)

U.S. Department of Energy

1000 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20585

“ NP Draft EIS and Section 106 Comments”

The economic development of the North Country is vital to my small
business. After the below average winter, we desperately need construction
And infer structure that Northern Pass will provide.

0502-1

Sincerely, David E Demers Jr



2-29-16

Denis Dostie
587 Hollow Road
Stewartstown NH
03576

Mr Brian Mills
Office of Electricity and Energy Reliability

Subject: "Northern Pass Draft EIS and Section 106"

Mr. Mills, I am writing to you to show my support for the Northern Pass Transmission Project for NH. I am a 52 year old life long resident of Stewartstown NH. The proposed Transmission line is set to go through Stewartstown approximately 1 mile from my home. I believe the overall impact will be very minimal. The town of Stewartstown and all of the other towns enroute will gain additional Tax base. The North Country will get much needed jobs, New England will get vital power from a clean renewable source. As I see it, this is pretty much a win-win for everybody. Please consider my support for this important cause.

Sincerely, Denis Dostie

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

Donald Leveille Trucking, Inc
175 Meadow Road
Shelburne, NH 03588
March 2, 2016

Brian Mills
Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability (OE-20)
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Brian Mills,

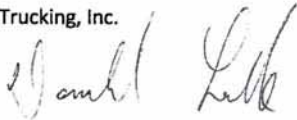
I am writing in regards the Northern Pass project, specifically in Northern New Hampshire. I am an owner and an operator of a logging company. I have lived in Northern New Hampshire my entire life and have worked in the logging industry for over 50 years. I am in support of the Northern Pass project.

Although I am nearing my retirement, I believe that the logging industry is a dying industry that needs to be sustained. There are many people who still rely on logging for their income. Unfortunately this has been increasingly difficult in our area and will get worse without major change.

Please consider this my plea to bring the Northern Pass in our area to support our local businesses. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald Leveille
Donald Leveille Trucking, Inc.
President



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Thank you for your comment.

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FIRST NAME: David LAST NAME McLaughlin

STREET ADDRESS: 25 Montgomery Rd

TOWN: Stark STATE NH ZIP 03582

EMAIL ADDRESS: davidmqc@scad.com

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

The existing right of way in my view in the town of
Stark has wooden poles with wires that are lower than the
tree tops - we cannot "see" the power lines.

This proposal has metal towers much higher than the trees
and would be very visible + ugly. We do NOT want to look
at ugly towers + wires. - The gas pipe is buried - bury the wires.

Thank You

David.

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FIRST NAME: David ~~Mills~~ LAST NAME Mills

STREET ADDRESS: 99 Clinton Street APT. 119

TOWN: Concord STATE NH ZIP 03301

EMAIL ADDRESS: hikerdavid@comcast.net

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

Rebuild at all

The Northern Pass Transmission line should
be completely buried, especially in or near the White
Mountain National Forest. It should run only along side
present road ways so any tree removal is minimized
or none at all. We absolutely must protect the
viewshed in and near WMNF which is a resource
used by millions each year for recreation.

Absolutely no towers should be built
inside or in view of the WMNF. Do not destroy the
beauty of this state just so people to the south of
us can get a power.

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Thank you for your comment.

Dr. Deborah Warner

Littleton, New Hampshire 03561
 (603) 444-1512
 DrWarner@ncia.net

There is an issue with Northern Pass electric lines in New Hampshire

Large overhead transmission lines harm the exceptional countryside and landscapes for which New Hampshire is famous and valued by visitors and residents alike. Northern Pass is calculated to affect 93,000 acres of valuable destination lands in the Northern part of the state, which could greatly harm the sought after value of our destination market, the North Country's only healthy economic sector. To understand how, consider the toll on our economy:

 <p>EXTERNAL MARKET</p>	 <p>DESTINATION MARKET</p>	 <p>LOCAL MARKET</p>	 <p>DRAIN MARKET</p>
<p>Goods & services are sent away and money comes in</p>	<p>People come to NH, enjoy our beautiful lands, leave money here with us</p>	<p>We buy from each other with money made from first two markets</p>	<p>Outside business comes, uses our resources, but the money goes elsewhere</p>
<p>Mills have closed; this market is very poor up North. We have lost many skilled workers and shops.</p>	<p>Tourist market is strongest sector in our economy up North. Seasonal, but has built good reputation as consistently beautiful and welcoming, attracting tourists from around the world.</p>	<p>This market is slower than when mills were open. Many support businesses have closed. Restaurants struggle to stay open. Medical care is more scarce. Housing industry in North Country struggles.</p>	<p>The wind towers & foreign electric lines reduce property values & beauty of countryside, pay deeply discounted taxes, have brief jobs for mostly out-of-state people, and the profits & energy credits likewise go out of state.</p>
	<p>The Drain Market of the electric tower projects also affects our vulnerable Destination Market as pristine landscapes lose value for tourists and investors. Being less sought-after will mean fewer visitors and less desire to spend money here.</p>	<p>The tiny local value (a few jobs) from the Northern Pass is only short term. The towers will cause depression in local land values.</p> 	<p>The jobs dry up quickly. The taxes dwindle as they depreciate their assets and pay at lower rates than non-utilities.</p> 

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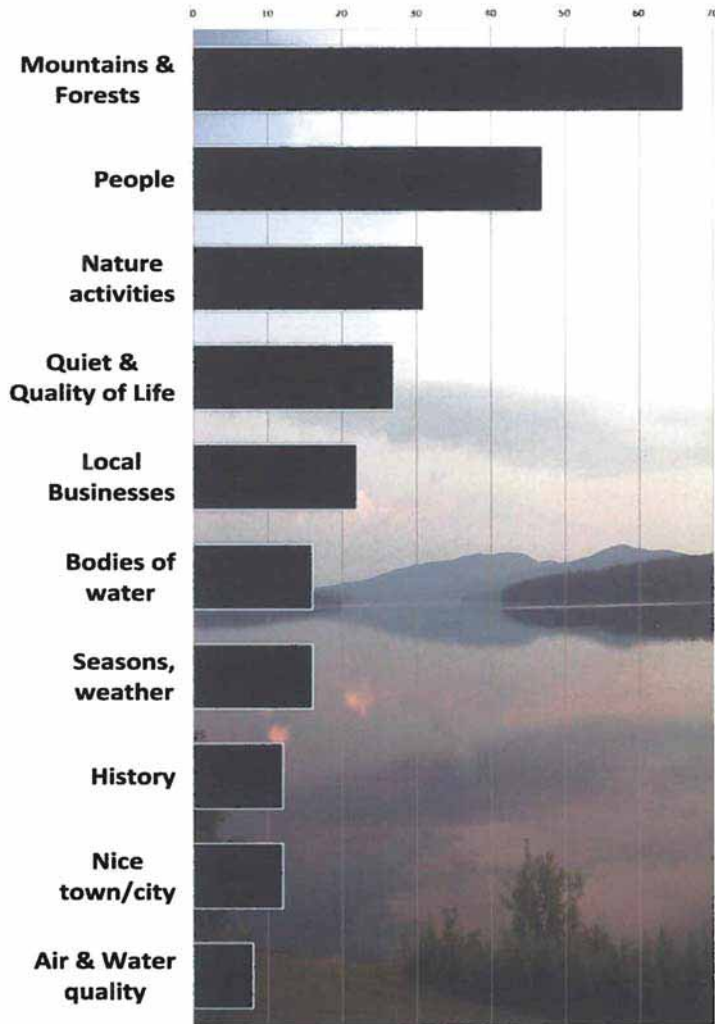
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Thank you for your comment. The EIS discusses the importance of tourism to New Hampshire, businesses, and the local and regional economy. The EIS (Section 3.1.2) and the Socioeconomic Technical Report describe the methods used to analyze potential impact to tourism for this EIS. As discussed in Section 4.1.2 of the EIS, no authoritative peer-reviewed studies were identified that address impacts to tourism as a result of the construction of transmission lines, and DOE did not attempt to develop such a study. No other resources were identified to allow for quantification of potential impacts. The EIS concludes that "while it is reasonable to conclude that the Project may have some level of impact on tourism within New Hampshire and on individual locations near the Project route, these are not quantifiable." Additionally, Section 4.1.1 of the EIS addresses potential impacts to Visual Resources which may result. The Visual Resources section specifically evaluates the scenic landscape of New Hampshire and the potential for impacts to the viewshed from several viewing distances.

Study of North Country Treasured Features:

The chart here shows the results of a study I conducted in 2012, surveying more than a hundred attendees at public events in Coos County, NH, with their spontaneous answers to the question, "What do you like about the North Country?" I heard what they LOVE about the North Country as they enthusiastically replied. Results: Two thirds of the public stated Mountains and Forests as the main features of the area that they treasure.

Debi Warner's North Country Economic Recovery Survey: Resource Values
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CONCLUSION

Burial of lines:

1) Overhead towers harm the pristine countryside and landscapes for which New Hampshire is famous and valued by visitors and residents alike.

2) Other states are requiring large scale electric lines to be buried. Canada is in the business of electrical production and expects to continue to develop their resources for greater exports, largely to the US market. As a border state, New Hampshire will be in the travel lane for these commodities along with its neighboring states. The HB461 Commission last summer determined that burial is feasible and within economic reason. New York and Maine are requiring burial of lines. Vermont is refusing many through-transmission projects. Even a top engineer for Hydro Quebec made a presentation 5 years ago at an energy conference that burying lines is economical, safer and less subject to natural and terrorist disruption.

Plea to Department of Energy(DOE) and NH Site Evaluation Committee(SEC):

Reject the Northern Pass project unless it will be buried across the entire state. It is too damaging to the state's tender tourist trade and property owners who live here or have moved here for the pristine quality of our lifestyle and landscape. No one has a right to spoil our lifestyle and property values with no sustainable gain for those who live here.

Sincerely,



Dr Deborah Warner
Littleton, NH

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FIRST NAME: Faith LAST NAME Kimball

STREET ADDRESS: 60 Holt Rd.

TOWN: Dummer STATE N.H. ZIP 03588

EMAIL ADDRESS: fakimball@gmail.com

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

I believe scenic NH should be preserved for
future generations. Northern Pass can bury the lines!
~~as the company in Vermont~~ ^{is} ~~is~~. If it ~~was~~ ^{is}
economically feasible in Vermont, it is ^{also} in N.H.
Our grandchildren deserve to inherit a beautiful
state, not one spoiled by 100 foot towers.
Preserve our natural beauty! 60 miles underground
is not enough!

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February 29, 2016

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Thank you for your comment.

Mr. Brian Mills
Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability (OE-20)
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

SUBJECT: "NP Draft EIS and Section 106 Comments"

Dear Mr. Mills,

In regards to the Northern Pass Project in New Hampshire we are definitely in favor of its construction. It is a controversial project but one that needs do get done.

It should provide jobs and help our economy and possibly reduce our electric rates in the future.

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Respectfully submitted,



Gagne & Sons Logging LLC
146 Ferry Road
Dummer, N.H. 03588

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FIRST NAME: Heather LAST NAME: Gray

STREET ADDRESS: 335 Taber Rd

TOWN: Pittsburg STATE: NH ZIP: 03592

EMAIL ADDRESS: hgray@ucvh.org

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

Keep Foreign utilities out of the USA.
If southern New England really needs power then
let them harness their wind.
New Hampshire doesn't need to be maimed for
every one else.
NH doesn't seem to be getting anything from this.
You call New England when Maine + Vermont don't
ever get mentioned in these meetings.
So you want every one to win except NH?

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Thank you for your comment.

March 7, 2016

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Thank you for your comment.

Mr. Brian Mills

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability (OE-20)

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1000 Independence Avenue, SW

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My son and I Both approve of the Northern pass
because we sincerely Believe it will create many jobs
and help boost Local economy.

Sincerely
Hallie Wood Logging
Burns Hallie

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March 7th, 2016

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Thank you for your comment.

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability (OE-20)

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Mr. Brian Mills:

My name is Josh Demers and I am a resident of Berlin. I believe that the Northern Pass Project will help generate jobs for North Country residents; and as a result will also help to stimulate the local economy. I am a supporter of clean renewable energy and I think that hydro power is a viable source of renewable energy that we should not overlook.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JD", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Josh Demers



The Northern Pass EIS

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Name: Lady Gersner
 Address: 326 Mountain View Rd
 City: Whitefield State: NH Zip: 03598
 Email: seaturtlejcg@gmail.com
 Comment:

We have one chance to get this right -
and by that I mean respect the opinions of
local people who DO NOT WANT TOWERS in
northern NH. Save wildlife, use existing paths, bury.
Look at how well Rt. 93 turned out
through Franconia Notch - a compromise
that is functional and beautiful.
Thank you for listening - our one earth
deserves our consideration. Beauty can be
preserved.

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FIRST NAME: Jackie LAST NAME Teague

STREET ADDRESS: 28 Highland st

TOWN: Concord STATE NH ZIP 03301

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

The benefit to the State and citizens of
New Hampshire from the Northern Pass
Project does not outweigh the destruction
to our scenic beauty, our greatest economic
asset. Therefore, the Northern Pass Project
should not be approved.

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Thank you for your comment.

Powers That Be

To the powers that be: do you not see?
Can you not hear? Or are you just acting out of fear?
The fate of our land is resting in your hands.
The people have spoken. Please prove to us that the system's not broken.

To the powers that be, in such a powerful company:
How much more will you take from us? Do you realize how much is at stake for us?
How can you stay blind to the devastation left behind
Once you have taken of what we love?
Will it ever be enough?

Or once you have taken, will you just rape us again and again?
You never once asked our permission. You just continue to force your own mission.
Well, this is all we have left. And there is no turning back once the damage is done.
The loss for us is much greater than the gain might be for anyone.

For the ones without a voice: Nature has no choice in this.
For all sacred land: I hear you and I understand.
So I sing this for you, that the powers that be may see the truth.
That they may be brave enough to stand up for all of us.
And may they be wise to distinguish the truth from the lies.
May they represent you and me, for

We are the ones who give them the power to be.

Katie Rose, Whitefield
2016

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Thank you for your comment.

CHAMPAGNE FORESTRY LLC

1145 US Route 3 P.O. BOX 10
W. Stewartstown, NH 03597 Colebrook, NH 03576
603-359-2046 603-237-5272
603-237-5042 Fax

0517-1
Thank you for your comment.

February 29, 2016

Mr. Brian Mills

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability (OE-20)

U. S. Department of Energy

1000 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20585

RE: NP Draft EIS and Section 106 Comments

Dear Mr. Mills:

I have reviewed, the Supplement to the Draft Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement. I am writing to advise you of my approval as a LLC and as an individual, to the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Line Project.

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Sincerely,


Lucas Champagne



The Northern Pass EIS

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Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Linda Massimilla
 Address: 197 Orchard Hill
 City: Littleton State: NH Zip: 03561
 Email: _____

Comment: For all the time & money Hydro Quebec & NE utilities have spent in the passed 5 yrs. Northern Pass could have be done & buried. I also find it interesting that the new section targeted for burial also has some of the most vocal opponents living there. Maybe we need to have very vocal opponents up & down the Northern Pass Route to get the whole thing buried

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FIRST NAME: Linda LAST NAME: Rauter
STREET ADDRESS: 51 Canterbury Rd.
TOWN: Chichester STATE: N.H. ZIP: 03258
EMAIL ADDRESS: llr@tds.net

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

I am against the Northern Pass project because:

- jobs created will likely be temporary.
- construction will cause destruction of untold numbers of acres of habitat
- wildlife living on or near the construction area will be subject to loss of habitat, disruption of daily survival efforts such as searching for food, possible injury or even death of wildlife.
- my understanding is that this is passthrough energy that will not help N.H.
- the source of the energy in Canada has caused displacement of Native peoples, the

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Thank you for your comment. Potential impacts in Canada from the construction and operation of electricity infrastructure, including hydropower generation and transmission in Canada, are beyond the scope of this NEPA analysis. NEPA does not require an analysis of potential environmental impacts that occur within another sovereign nation that result from actions approved by that sovereign nation. Additionally, the construction and operation of Hydro-Quebec power generation projects and electricity transmission line projects in the bulk Hydro-Quebec system will occur regardless of and independent to whether DOE issues a Presidential permit for the proposed Northern Pass Project international border crossing. For these reasons, potential environmental impacts in Canada are not addressed in this EIS. Section 1.5.4.1 of the Final EIS has been updated in response to this comment.

death of all the wildlife in flooded areas,
the loss of thousands of acres of forest lands -
a very negative & unacceptable source of energy.

unsightly towers & lines that will mar our
beautiful landscapes which we all enjoy & on
which tourism depends.

The U.S. Department of Energy hearings on the Draft Environmental Statement (DEIS) for Northern Pass.
Whitefield, Friday, March 11, 2016

Question for Northern Pass Project:

What is the expected annual return on assets and the expected annual return on equity of the Northern Pass Project (1) as currently proposed and (2) if the entire transmission line is buried? Please answer this question directly and with specificity; Northern Pass has run these numbers and has this financial information in its possession. If Northern Pass is going to contend that burial of the entire transmission line makes the Project not economically viable, interested parties and the public are entitled to disclosure of the financial and other information that forms the basis for its contention so that they can evaluate the reliability of that information and challenge it.

Submitted by,
Linda Upham-Bornstein, Ph.D.
185 Mount Prospect Rd.
Lancaster, NH

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Thank you for your comment. Socioeconomic impacts for all of the alternatives are addressed within Section 4.1.2 of the EIS. This section additionally provides the ability to compare estimated project construction costs for all alternatives evaluated. The EIS analysis does not attempt to determine the proponent's return on equity or return on assets to evaluate alternatives, as this is beyond the scope of this EIS.

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Thank you for your comment.

March 2, 2016

Mr. Brian Mills
Office of Electricity & Energy Reliability (OE-20)
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DE 20585

RE: "NP Draft EIS and Sections 106 Comments"


Dear Mr. Mills,

My name is Michael Gagne and I am writing this letter to show my support for the Northern Pass project. I am the owner/operator of Mike Gagne Trucking, LLC which hauls raw forests products from the landings to designated mills. My residence and business is located in Dummer, New Hampshire which is where some of the Northern Pass project will take place. I enjoy living and working in this area for many reasons; the scenic views, the wildlife, the fresh air etc. I feel that the Northern Pass project would be the best for all the people. It would lower our energy cost, lower our local taxes and create more jobs for local people. All of these positive points are why I am supportive of the project.

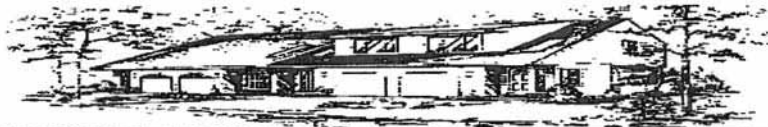
I feel that the Northern Pass directors can work well with local people on issues that may require both sides to discuss matters that would benefit all involved, (i.e. alternate routes, or underground options etc.). I feel we need to make changes to move forward for a better future.

Northern pass is in partnership with National Fish & Wildlife Foundation which enhances the forest health and wildlife habitat. Both forestry and wildlife are very important to me.

I plan on showing my support for the Northern Pass project because I feel the economy is in need for the economics benefits this project can bring to our area as well as bringing us on a path to a greener earth.

Sincerely,

Michael Gagne
President

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Thank you for your comment.

March 10, 2016

I'm here on behalf of McKenna's Purchase Unit Owner's Association of which we hold intervening status with both the DOE and the SEC on the Northern Pass Project.

We appreciate the time and effort both your organizations have put into the research and review on this proposed project, and we trust you are looking out for the best interest for the citizens of New Hampshire.

We understand that Eversource would like to supply electricity further south of NH with their Northern Pass Project, but at what cost to NH and NH residents? No governing official would consider this project to be in the best interest of any host state; in what circumstance would you take on 100% full construction / destruction in your state with a "possible" 10% return? Currently New Hampshire has a surplus of electricity and still, our prices are some of the highest in the nation, what difference will it make to NH to add more to the electrical pool?

As you may be aware McKenna's Purchase has an existing Right of Way/Easement on the east side of the Association and the reasons we are opposed to the Northern Pass Project are similar to that of all other NH property owners who have a ROW on their property.

- Devaluation of Property Values / Loss of Concord Tax Revenue
- Loss of Health & Safety (EMF's – electrical magnetic fields)
- Destruction / disturbance of our land, property and vegetation
- Our Normal Way of Life
- View Sheds
- Noise
- Overburdening of an already overburdened ROW
- High Voltage transmission lines near a Natural gas line
- Fall Radius of the over 100 foot towers

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We are requesting you send out representatives from your organizations in order to personally view the Association's situation first hand. We're confident that once you see the actual physical location you will agree with us on the devastating impact this project will have on the Association and the entire Concord Area.

Also, in our particular situation we believe that the original Easement/ROW issued in the early 1950's does not give PSNH/Eversource the right to lease the Association's property to a foreign entity, namely Hydro Quebec without the mutual approval of a Joint Use Agreement from the Association of which we have not and will never approve.

If you truly have the best interest of all NH Citizens there are only two options that should be considered / recommended by the Site Evaluation Committee:

- 1) Reject the entire project
- 2) Full burial along highways, interstates and railroads

Once again, thank you for all the hard work you and your Committees are doing and we look forward to your recommendations on the Northern Pass Project.

Thank you,

Michelle Kleindienst
Association Manager



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Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Michele Noyes

Address: PO Box 1121

City: Campton State: NH Zip: 03223

Email: _____

Comment: _____

Alternative means of bringing electricity to the New England power grid needs to be buried the entire way north to south. ~~If it is determined~~ If it is determined that this project is "needed", then it should be done so in a responsible way, with minimal negative impact on people, property and psyche.

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LOCATION (circle one): Meredith (March 1); Colebrook (March 7); Concord (March 10);
Holderness (March 14); Deerfield (March 16)

FIRST NAME: MARC LAST NAME: PAUL

STREET ADDRESS: 749 DIAMOND POND ROAD

TOWN: Colebrook STATE: NH ZIP: 03576

EMAIL ADDRESS: MARCPAUL3@MSN.COM

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

*As a Property owner in Colebrook, NH with a westerly
view within 1/4 mile of Stewartstown, I want to firmly
voice my opposition to this Northern Pass Project.
The Project does not benefit NH residents except for
a few short term jobs, while at the same time
using NH merely as a stepping stone to provide
Electricity to other Southern states in the grid.
IT will forever destroy the sheer beauty and
tranquility that we have all come to love about NH.
This is a disaster project for residents, and property
values. The Project should ~~be~~^{be} abolished completely
PUT THE PROJECT IN ANOTHER STATE.*

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Thank you for your comment.



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**NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC)
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
Public Hearings on Northern Pass
Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH
March 10, 2016**

Good evening, my name is John Dumais, and I am president of the New Hampshire Grocers Association. I am not here to tell you how you should decide this particular proposal. In fact, our association has not taken a position on this project. I am here tonight to appeal to the Site Evaluation Committee to redouble your efforts to find balance between environmental concerns over new energy projects... and the clear economic benefits they would bring to our entire state and its business community. If you say no to this project, please be prepared to say yes to something that will meaningfully start to lower our electric rates.

The food industry is a profession that lives with narrow profit margins. The grocery store business is not an easy one. One of their biggest expenses is electricity, and we minimal ways to reduce this operating expense on our own. I'm sure your own power bill skyrockets in the summer when the temperature rises and you have to increase the air conditioner usage. Imagine having to pay to keep the freezers and reach in coolers operating all year long. And that doesn't include the power required for the rest of a store's functions. The cost runs into the many millions statewide. These expenses can threaten the operations of grocery stores, which is partially why several of the big chain stores have closed stores and scaled back operations. And if they are having difficulty, the challenges are multiplied several times more for smaller, independent operators.

When any operating expense, especially electricity, is too high, the added cost has to be passed on to consumers as a higher cost for their groceries. That is a significant financial burden for lower income households in our state. It is also a major concern for New Hampshire grocer's out-of-state-customers (about 45% of total annual sales) who regularly shop here seeking lower prices. With higher utility costs, that trend may not continue.

Needless to say, in a competitive business such as ours, we are always looking for ways to save money. We are glad the region's leaders are starting to do the same. The New Hampshire Grocers Association applauds the six New England Governors for working on a collaborative attempt to identify and fund new and cheaper energy resources for residents.

Our current rates are the highest anywhere in the United States and relief seems far away. This process will take years before a new project is up and running. We hope you recognize that as every month passes, more of the grocer's profits are being diverted pay for higher electrical costs without any expectation seeing for lower rates.

Our message to you is simple: please do something to provide some relief as soon as possible. Utility regulators have clearly stated our region needs to develop new energy resources totaling more than 6,000 megawatts by 2020 to make up for plants that are shutting down. Even if Northern Pass is approved, that would provide only 1200 megawatts. We aren't even close to filling the gap.

The NH Grocers Association understands there are sharp divisions between those who want the cheaper power from Northern Pass, versus those who worry about the impacts of the power lines in the North Country thus opposing the plan. We respect the views of both and hope a compromise can be found to move the project forward in a meaningful consensus.

For those who say no to every new energy options, we respectfully ask, what is your alternative? We know the demand for power is too great to simply conserve our way to cheaper rates and lower demand. We need new resources and we need them now. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

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FIRST NAME: Nancy LAST NAME: Rheinhardt

STREET ADDRESS: 30 Stack Dr

TOWN: Bow STATE: NH ZIP: 03304

EMAIL ADDRESS: nancy.rheinhardt@me.com

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

As a Bow resident and the possibility of
the sale of Garvin Falls hydro and Merrimack
Station and that both might be dismantled
after the sale, I am concerned about the
loss of generated energy and the
net loss to the grid.

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FIRST NAME: Pauline LAST NAME Touzin

STREET ADDRESS: 57 Berry Rd

TOWN: Loudon STATE NH ZIP 03307

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

In the past PSNH (Eversource) has always given me excellent service. It has helped me learn to conserve electricity which is in keeping with my beliefs re: ~~an~~ good stewardship of the land. I wish Eversource would work very hard to teach everyone how to conserve rather than expand at the expense of those unable to protect themselves (ie trees, animals, poor people) We are all interconnected, & money is only a commodity not something to be used to have power (i) over others. Power that domain is such a power tool & allows subjective decisions to over-

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come those without power or money,
Canada has already caused great damage

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To a beautiful river.

California has been a leader in energy issues. Though a different topography, there is much for New Hampshire to learn from - especially that the financial ~~cost~~ gains were the result of their use of technology to preserve the environment, including people!

I cannot believe that the S&E could possibly determine that the project will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region, will not have an unreasonable adverse impact on aesthetics, historic sites, air & water quality, the natural environment, that the issuance of the certificate will serve the public interest."

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FIRST NAME: Rodger Amuly LAST NAME Matthew May

STREET ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1672

TOWN: Meredith STATE N.H. ZIP 03253

EMAIL ADDRESS: RLM1948@Hotmail.com

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

My wife and I have been in the
North country for more than 35 years
enjoying fishing hunting snowmobiling
and 4 wheeling mainly Pittsburg and
Stewartstown. It would be awkward if
anyone that comes to the north to have
to look at those towers as proposed.
we recently have had interest in buying
a house on Diamond Rd. in Stewartstown
however the house looks directly at the
towers coming from Holders Hill Rd. and
we are not interested at purchasing if we
have to look at towers. Please make the

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Right Decision for the north country,
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March 7, 2016

Mr. Brian Mills, Senior Planning Advisor
Office of Electric Delivery & Energy Reliability (OE-20)
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Northern Pass Transmission Project

Dear Mr. Mills:

I write today to express our support for the Northern Pass Transmission Project. Quanta Services is the largest utility line contractor in the country employing over 22,000 employees and the parent company to over 45 operating companies across North America. PAR Electrical Contractors, a Quanta Services company was pleased to be recently selected as the general contractor for the Northern Pass Project and I wanted to provide written remarks from my recent public comments at the outreach event for the record as follows:

- As the general contractor for the Northern Pass Project, Quanta's role includes design, engineering, construction, and overall management for the project. We will also be in charge of contracting with the various subcontractors necessary to successfully construct this project. As with all of our projects safety remains our highest priority. PAR Electrical Contractors has one of the best safety records in the industry and takes great care to be sensitive to the environment while performing our work.
- Quanta Services operates two construction companies in New Hampshire - PAR Electrical Contractors in Bow, NH and JCR Utility Construction in Raymond, NH. We currently employ approximately 200 people in New Hampshire with some of our local operations dating back over 30 years. These employees live and work in New Hampshire and raise their families here. With Northern Pass we anticipate increasing this local work force significantly adding thousands of direct and indirect jobs to support the construction activity.

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Thank you for your comment.

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- An important aspect of the Northern Pass project is Eversource's "New Hampshire First" commitment that requires the general contractor to provide work and job opportunities for New Hampshire citizens and businesses. This local requirement includes several Eversource transmission projects in New Hampshire, including the Northern Pass. While there are certainly aspects of this project that will require specialty workers, there has been considerable effort to plan and structure this project in a manner that maximizes opportunity locally. The "New Hampshire 1st" commitment is reflected in the bid that Quanta put forward to Eversource for the Northern Pass. In fact, over the past six to eight months we have worked with many contractors and small businesses in New Hampshire to review the capacity of the local workforce, catalog local construction resources and secure local pricing on labor and materials. This information is part of our winning bid.
- Given Quanta's experience working on large electric transmission projects around the country, I wanted to provide some information on the economic benefits these types of projects will bring to New Hampshire. While many people can see the jobs and economic benefits that flow to electric linemen, sometimes it is difficult to appreciate the fact that these benefits flow much broader and deeper into the local economy. As an example, a similar transmission construction project that was just completed is the Maine Power Reliability Project. The so called MPRP was a \$1.4 billion project that was constructed from 2010 to 2015. In total, more than 390 contractors were hired to build that project and approximately 270 of those contractors were based in Maine. At the height of construction, the project created approximately 2,700 jobs and a positive economic impact of \$436 million dollars to the Maine economy. There are many similar examples across the country of the widespread economic benefits provided by these projects, but I would encourage this committee to consider the MPRP impacts due to location and recent construction schedule.
- We anticipate the overall economic impact of NP to be similar to MPRP. We have a few examples of the typical items that will be needed in order to construct the Northern Pass project. Some examples include
 - Gravel – 7M
 - Concrete- 8M
 - Conduit-27M
 - Lodging-10M
 - Fuel-9M
 - Meals-10M


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- Northern Pass will provide opportunities for local road builders, excavation companies, lumber mills, and loggers. Landscapers, waste management, salvage, aggregate hauling, equipment and supply transportation by truck, train and air. These projects also require major supplies of local gravel, concrete, hay and wood for environmental mats.
- Finally, as we have experienced countless times on other similar projects, this spending will extend well beyond the construction industry to retail stores, restaurants, motels and campgrounds and many other services necessary to support this large mobile workforce. This is not a complete list, but I hope this information demonstrates the broad economic benefit these projects bring to the state.
- In the coming months, Quanta and our operating companies will be reaching out to local contractors to further explain opportunities, discuss ways to best integrate local companies into the project, discuss training and safety requirements, and anticipated project timelines. Quanta looks forward to continuing to work with local contractors and others as we prepare for this project, and being a dependable partner for New Hampshire as we build on our existing business here in New Hampshire.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments; we encourage the Department of Energy to approve this important project.

Sincerely,



Steve Adams, President
PAR Electrical Contractors

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Thank you for your comment.

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FIRST NAME: Steve LAST NAME Benton

STREET ADDRESS: 429 New Hampton Rd

TOWN: Franklin STATE NH ZIP 03225

EMAIL ADDRESS: SteveBenton@aol.com

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

I support this project. I feel Eversource
has made all reasonable accommodations to
support the scenic values of NH. I believe
this will be a boon for the ~~area~~ growth of
Franklin and New Hampshire.

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FIRST NAME: SHERRY LAST NAME: PATILLO

STREET ADDRESS: 316 NEW RYE Rd.

TOWN: EPSOM STATE: NH ZIP: 03234

EMAIL ADDRESS: SKYMDWFARM@AOL.COM

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

VT, MAINE & NY HAVE ^{APPROVED} BURIED LINES.
I APPROVE BURIED LINES IN ALL NH.
DO NOT SCAR OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE.

BURY NORTHERN PASS!

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Thank you for your comment.

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FIRST NAME: Sara LAST NAME Smith

STREET ADDRESS: 386 Pembroke St.

TOWN: Pembroke STATE NH ZIP 03275

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

I oppose this project. If it is built
I strongly urge burying the lines in the
areas of Concord and Pembroke.

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Thank you for your comment.

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FIRST NAME: Tiler LAST NAME Eaton

STREET ADDRESS: 19 Shannon Drive

TOWN: Nottingham STATE NH ZIP 03290

EMAIL ADDRESS: Tiler.eaton@concast.net

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

Northern Pass will bury around 60 miles
of their project which will be the
longest of it's type in North America.
I believe this has been a great
compramise by northern Pass. The longest
run of this type of cable is around
112 miles in Australia where I ~~do~~ think
it would be much easier to dig.

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Thank you for your comment.

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FIRST NAME: Tiler LAST NAME Eaton

STREET ADDRESS: 19 Shannon Drive

TOWN: Nottingham STATE NH ZIP 03290

EMAIL ADDRESS: Tileraton@comcast.net

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

The IBEW members DO NOT
GET PAID to attend these
meetings!!

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Thank you for your comment.



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Name: LIMOTHY MDRE
 Address: 60 Weeks Road
 City: Lancaster State: NH Zip: 03584
 Email: timmore.e@timore.law.com
 Comment:

Northern Pass LLC has offered to bury 60 miles of its power line in a private ROW, but has stated that it cannot afford to bury the remainder. The 60 miles that would be buried would go over granite mountains. The cost per mile should be very expensive — especially in comparison to the cost of burial in the 1-93 corridor.

Northern Pass has not presented comparative cost data — nor has it supported the legislation to allow burial in 1-93.

The recent studies have shown over (unsustainable) cutting of trees on private land in NH and that biomass for electrical energy (vs heat) is cost ineffective. Thus expanding capacity of the Cross Loop and the Berlin biomass plants would be environmentally and economically damaging.

* The Berlin has the unique right to pass all of its costs onto the rate payers.

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Thank you for your comment. Socioeconomic impacts for all of the alternatives are addressed within Section 4.1.2 of the EIS. This section additionally provides the ability to compare estimated project construction costs for all alternatives evaluated. The EIS analysis does not attempt to determine the proponent's return on investment or temporal requirement achieve a return, as this is beyond the scope of this EIS.

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FIRST NAME: Vatteni LAST NAME: Bear
STREET ADDRESS: Colebrook NH, Stearns Hill Rd
TOWN: Colebrook STATE: NH ZIP: 03826
EMAIL ADDRESS: vbeani@bearpaint.net

If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

Very Very poor audio
Could only hear about 1/2
what was said
People who had an ear
problem certainly couldn't
have heard anything
In a large hall like this
all speakers should stand
up. Poor presentation.

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Thank you for your comment.

Laurie A. Couture
1321 Bennett Way
Newmarket NH 03857
603-659-3889

March 16, 2016

Brian Mills
Senior Planning Advisor
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy
Reliability (OE-20)
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Mills,

In the 1800's and again in the 1930's, New Hampshire experienced a level of human-induced destruction to the forests, landscape and natural habitats that is difficult now to fathom. Almost total deforestation, followed by natural destruction by the Hurricane of 1938, devastated and scarred New Hampshire's nature to a degree that it is only now in the early stages of recovery. While Eastern white pine was recorded to have reached dizzying heights of over 200 ft and hardwoods were measured to reach astonishing girths of over 22 feet in circumference, today's forests are primarily juvenile and quite small in comparison to the forests of the 1600's. I am a volunteer for the NH Big Trees Program, which is part of the UNH Cooperative Extension. The program seeks, locates and records the largest remaining trees of their species in the state of NH. Perhaps the "hunt" is so rewarding because there are so few genuinely elder, Goliath trees remaining in our state. When they are discovered, I personally find myself frozen in a state of deep respectful awe; I am beholding a rare artifact of New Hampshire when it was at its wildest and a representative of a time when humans and nature lived in balance.

The Northern Pass tower project threatens to bring yet another wave of destruction to our still-healing landscape; forests, land and habitats will be raped while they are just now developing stable, maturing ecosystems. This project, with its hundreds upon hundreds of 160 ft towers, is not welcome here. I am not interested in any energy source that will perpetrate further damage onto the forests and lands. The Northern Pass project is a form of destruction that will be a grave mistake for which there will be no recovery. While the farmers and clear-cutters of old abandoned the fields and saw mills, allowing the forests to retake the land, the Northern Pass will be a law-enforced bureaucracy that will beat back nature and will be here to stay. Not only will their towers maim, deface and harm nature itself, I am not convinced that these towers will not contribute to more dangerous electromagnetic assaults on people.

I say, "pass" on the Northern Pass project- I do not and will not support it and its harm to New Hampshire's forests, landscapes, habitats, wildlife and people.

Sincerely,



Laurie A. Couture

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Thank you for your comment.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8844

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Alternatives, Health and Safety, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Soils, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Taxes, Historic/Cultural, Economic, Traffic, National Security, Tourism, Quality of Life, Air Quality, Cumulative Effects, Noise, Forest Service Lands, NEPA Process, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures, Environmental Justice

Organization: AMC

Comment: I am opposed to the Northern Pass Project.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8845

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives

Name: Christian Bratina

Organization:

Mailing Address: PO Box 967

City: Litchfield

State: CT

Country: US

Comment: I think Northern Pass is a great way to reduce CO2 emissions, but most of it should be buried as is done in Northern Europe. We cycle toured from Copenhagen to France and saw no power lines, neither low or high voltage, in Denmark, Germany, Holland, and Belgium. Even from the numerous wind mill farms and power plants. The absence of power lines in cities and country was BEAUTIFUL!

The added cost, reduced over time due to less damage from windstorms, will have to be paid by the consumer.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016**ID:** 8846**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures**Name:** Robert Pritchard**Organization:****Email:** bpritchard98@gmail.com**Mailing Address:** 51 Profile Drive**City:** North Woodstock**State:** NH**Zip:** 03262**Country:** US

Comment: It's hard to understand that in order for the energy company to make MORE profit, a considerable percentage of the power lines have to be above ground. This is an eyesore and an affront to residents.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8847**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Soils, Private Property/Land Use, Historic/Cultural, Tourism, Quality of Life, Air Quality, Cumulative Effects, Noise, Forest Service Lands, Environmental Justice**Name:** Ryan Oliver**Organization:****Email:** ryansoliver@gmail.com**Mailing Address:** 805 C Street SE**City:** Washington**State:** DC**Zip:** 20003**Country:** US

Comment: Please do not taint one of our nation's great treasures -- the White Mountain National Forest -- with a politically-motivated and non-essential development project. No matter the mitigating measures taken to minimize the associated impact and risks, such an undertaking will invariably degrade the natural beauty, environmental purity, and timeless peace offered by the White Mountains.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8848

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Traffic, Tourism

Organization:

Comment: I would like to ask that the DOE:

- Reject Northern Pass's misleading and unsubstantiated claim that full burial in the I-93 corridor (Alternative 4a), is not doable, or require Northern Pass to independently verify this claim.
- Examine full burial as outlined in Alternative 4a, but site the DC to AC converter station in Bow NH, where Merrimack Station is located.
- Examine alternative international border crossings, including I-91 burial routes.

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Thank you for your comment. Northern Pass has applied to the Department of Energy for a Presidential permit for an international border crossing associated with an HVDC transmission line that would run from Quebec, Canada to Deerfield, NH. Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038, "requires that executive permission be obtained for the construction and maintenance at the borders of the United States of facilities for the exportation or importation of electric energy." DOE is authorized to "receive applications for the construction, operation, maintenance, or connection, at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country[,]" and "[u]pon finding the issuance of the permit to be consistent with the public interest, and, after obtaining the favorable recommendations of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense thereon, to issue to the applicant, as appropriate, a permit for [the] construction, operation, maintenance, or connection." (EO 10485). DOE, however, does not have siting authority for the Project. In this case, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee has siting authority for the Project in the state of New Hampshire. Additionally, the USFS has siting authority for portions of the Project located in the White Mountain National Forest. (For further discussion, see Sections 1.1-1.3 of the final EIS.) While DOE's authority is limited to the approval or denial of the amended Presidential permit application (August 2015) as requested by the Applicant, DOE's policy is to analyze not only the proposed border crossing, but also the alignment of new infrastructure required between the proposed border crossing and connection to the existing U.S. electricity system as a "connected action" under NEPA. In keeping with this policy, DOE analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the alignment proposed by the Applicant. In addition, in response to input from Cooperating Agencies, other agencies, and extensive public comment, DOE analyzed a range of other alignments and underground and overhead configurations between the proposed border crossing and connection with the existing U.S. electricity system. The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. Additionally, seventeen alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Section 2.4 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information on alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Among these alternatives, DOE considered two alternate border crossings. One was an alternative that would utilize the existing National Grid Phase I/II route, including its border crossing in Vermont. Based on its review of the National Grid alternative DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section

0542-1

2.4.3 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information related to the National Grid alternative. Separately, in response to comments received on the draft EIS, DOE considered a second alternative border crossing in Vermont, specifically identified as a border crossing at Derby Line, VT that would utilize I-91. DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section 2.4.17 of the final EIS has been added to reflect consideration of this alternative and DOE's determination.

Alternative 4a is analyzed in detail in the EIS. Alternative project terminus and converter station locations (including Bow, NH; Buxton, ME; Vernon, VT; and Londonderry, NH) were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis in the EIS because they are not reasonable alternatives. Section 2.4.14 of the final EIS has been updated to include additional information about this alternative.

Several alternatives analyzed in detail in the EIS include segments of underground cable within the I-93 corridor, including Alternatives 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6a, and 6b. Alternatives 4a, 5a, and 6a include burial through Franconia Notch in the I-93 corridor. Construction of underground cable in the I-93 corridor is described in Section 2.3.4.5 of the EIS. Laws and regulations governing the installation of utilities in interstate highways are discussed in Section 3.1.6.4 of the EIS, and the Memorandum of Agreement (also known as the 1977 Consent Decree) related to the maintenance of I-93 within Franconia Notch State Park is acknowledged and described in Section 3.3.6.4 of the EIS. As described in Section 4.1.6.1, the Applicant would be required to obtain relevant authorizations to construct the Project in roadway corridors. A particular discussion of construction in Franconia Notch is located in Section 4.3.6.4 of the EIS. DOE has considered this comment and no change to the EIS was made.

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0543-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8849

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Health and Safety, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Tourism, Quality of Life, Air Quality, Cumulative Effects, Noise, Forest Service Lands, Environmental Justice

Organization:

Comment: I am opposed to the Northern Pass. It is important to preserve our shrinking unspoiled spaces and to also not interfere with existing developed land that drives tourist revenue and allows people to enjoy the outdoors (such as ski resorts and hiking lodges). It is also critical to not disrupt the ecosystem through adding this infrastructure. Please consider more environmentally conscious alternatives.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8850

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures

Organization:

Comment: As a frequent visitor to NH and a hiker in the White Mountains, I support burying the pipeline.

0544-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0545-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8851

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Alternatives

Organization: Appalachian Mountain Club

Comment: As a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, I love hiking outdoors throughout New England, and I feel we are blessed with the amazing natural beauty of the region. Installing the proposed towers to carry electricity from Canada to Massachusetts would permanently mar this valuable landscape. US citizens, while very dependent on electricity, have made great strides in reducing power demands and have shown great interest in developing more local sources of electricity, such as wind and solar and small hydro. I am opposed to the building of massive power and fossil fuel infrastructure that will permanently alter the landscape and make less likely the development of local, sustainable power sources.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0546-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8852

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: Transmission line burial is technologically and economically viable for long distances with minimal social or environmental impacts. It is critical to select the appropriate corridor for burial. Recently DOE has issued Presidential Permits for projects that cross from Canada into New York and VT using modern burial technology in transportation corridors. In a separate endeavor, Hydro-Quebec is participating in another proposed fully-buried transmission project at the NY-VT border. Likewise, Northern Pass should use current technology and bury all of the lines.

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Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8853

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives

Organization: Individual

Comment: As a professional economist, a long-time hiker in the White Mountain region, and a steady supporter of economically viable multiple-use plans for New England's great northern forests, I strongly oppose the Northern Pass plan as submitted without an more thorough, independent and transparent assessment of leading alternatives.

There is clearly a difference of opinion between the corporate sponsors and most environmental groups on the viability of an alternative plan to full burial of the line as it passess through prime territory for New Hampshire's tourism industry. If that is indeed a viable option – even at the expense of slightly higher energy bills for consumers in southern New England – then it should certainly dominate the current plan. In addition, I understand that the alternative of routing the buried cable along the I-91 corridor (possibly linking to I-89) was not included in the DEIS. This oversight alone renders the current application unacceptable.

We already have one unsightly line of transmission towers passing through the Lunenburg/Conord area of Essex County in Vermont. Having a parallel line of tall towers just across the Connecticut River would be a travesty.

On these grounds, DOE should reject the present plan for the Northern Pass Project.

0547-1

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0548-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8854

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Organization:

Comment: It seems that if Eversource reallocated funds from the following three sources that they could afford to bury the entire transmission line: 1) their CEO's current outrageous salary, 2) the persistent marketing campaign that they have subjected the residents of New Hampshire to, and 3) the cost of there lawyer, consultants, and lobbyists working to push through the Northern Pass project.

I am opposed to the project due to the long-term irreversible impact of the project on open space and view's in New Hampshire's White Mountains region and tourism industry.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8855

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Health and Safety, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Historic/Cultural, Tourism, Quality of Life, Forest Service Lands

Organization:

Comment: Tourism is one of NH's largest industries. People do not flock to NH to view ugly, and potentially dangerous, power lines. The lines are unsightly and may cause health risks to people and wildlife in the area. There are other ways to providing power to NH, especially to Southern NH. Relying on another country to provide our power is also not in the US's best interest.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8858**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures**Name:** Michael Herlihy**Organization:****Email:** mike_h@yahoo.com**Mailing Address:** 151 Littleworth Rd**City:** Dover**State:** NH**Zip:** 03820**Country:** US

Comment: I am very much in favor of the creation of a method of transmitting Quebec's hydro-power system into the northeast US power grid. It is clearly a clean, reliable, economically stable, and locally-sourced form of energy that we need in our states.

The alternative energy sources fall short in more than one of the above mentioned benefits, and if there is a slight obstruction of view, so be it. The amount of land required to build solar stations of the size needed to equal the energy provided by the project would be far more invasive, and power lines would still need to be built to connect to the grid. Wind power is even more intrusive, with its risks to birds, its constant noise, and it is no less of a visual impact.

Our quality of life will be minimally impacted, taxes should be reduced, our air quality and noise levels will be maintained, and we will have less reliance on the OPEC-area sources of petroleum.

It's a win for the north eastern US, and a win for the US.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8859

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Organization:

Comment: New Hampshire particularly but also all of the Northeast has one huge attraction and that is its natural beauty. Included in that are the forested undeveloped areas which people come from all reaches of the country to enjoy. Yes we all do realize we need power to support our ever increasing demand but we can not do it at the jeopardy of this natural beauty. That is why other then a fully buried transmission line I do not support this project.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8860

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: Bury the whole system!! Why destroy one of the most beautiful mountain areas in the country by building hundreds of ugly transmission towers?? I hike the White Mts. regularly, but would be very reluctant to do so in the future if the area is marred by ugly towers!

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8861

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives, Health and Safety, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Taxes, Historic/Cultural, National Security, Tourism, Quality of Life, Cumulative Effects, Noise, Forest Service Lands

Organization:

Comment: We oppose Northern Pass as it is now planned for all of the above reasons. The only way to get this approved in our beautiful state is to BURY THE ENTIRE LINE. Please do not ruin our homelands for the benefit of people who do not live, hike or visit our beautiful state. This line can be buried and must be for the enjoyment of future generations to New Hampshire. Why can they bury these lines in Vermont and Maine? Is our state not worth the same as our sister states? Please Bury Northern Pass.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8862

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need

Name: Dick Mackay

Organization:

Email: dickmackay@comcast.net

Country: US

Comment: I strongly support Northern Pass. Move forward ASAP.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8863

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives

Organization:

Comment: Burying power lines is an important health, safety and visually important alternative to minimizing the impact of the proposed action.

As a firm believer in the energy efficiency of decentralized energy generation, especially a dramatically increased amount of solar collectors and local storage, I think this project is flawed from the get-go. However, if it is to continue the preservation of the health, safety and vistas requires burying as much of the cable as possible.

Thank you for allowing me to comment and I am hopeful you take my comments to heart.

Best regards,
Dot kelly

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Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8867

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Water / Wetlands, Recreation, Quality of Life, Cumulative Effects

Organization:

Comment: The White Mountain National Forest is a unique and important part of the United States, and it is my hope that the DOE takes into consideration every possible alternative with regards to the Northern Pass project. It would be a shame to do unnecessary damage to one of the few protected forests in the Northeast without fully investigating the alternatives.

The visual impacts of massive power line would have a huge effect on the quality of life for residents of rural New Hampshire, and second home owners in the region. Furthermore, the outdoor recreation in the region is largely driven by the natural landscapes of the region, and a large power line across the region would have a very negative affect on those visitor's experience.

Therefore, I full support a full burial of the Northern Pass power lines in Alternative 4a. That said, I'm skeptical that the I-93 corridor is the best location to do so. I have heard that there are alternative burial routes, such as the I-91 corridor, and I hope that in the final EIS, the DOE fully considers the I-91 option.

While such projects are necessary to accommodate our need for energy, I hope the DOE chooses the development option that protects a very important part of the New England.

0556-1

Thank you for your comment. Impacts to the recreation experience are analyzed in Sections 4.1.3, 4.2.3, 4.3.3, 4.4.3, and 4.5.3 of the EIS. A range of alternatives including different alignments and configurations of overhead and underground transmission are analyzed in the EIS, with a range of potential impacts to recreation.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8871

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives

Organization:

Comment: There continues to be no reason, other than the greed of Northern Pass Transmission LLC, to not bury the entire line. Period. Allowing portions of the line to be built above ground simply means that the abutters will be forced to subsidize the profits of Northern Pass. Why should a governmental agency (US DOE), in theory operating for the public good, use its authority to force abutters of the line to subsidize the profits of Northern Pass?

After all, no one is saying not to build the line. Rather, opponents such as myself merely state that since all the profits from the line will be captured by Northern Pass, Northern Pass should also pay all the costs of the line. After all, Northern Pass has never offered to share the profits of the line with abutters. Rather, it is petitioning the US DOE to force abutters to simply give it money in the form of lower costs. That is not capitalism. That is not good government. That is straight out-and-out theft abetted, if allowed, by an agency of the US government.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8872

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Organization: AMC

Comment: I don't want these huge high towers in my mountains. They are ugly. Figure out some way to sink the cables for the whole plan, or scrap it. If we need more electricity down here, you'd better figure out some other way that doesn't disfigure the beauty of New Hampshire. The visitors, wildlife and I would thank you.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0559-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8873

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Organization: AMC

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8875

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives

Name: Russell Schundler

Organization: retired

Title: Mr.

Email: russ@schundler.net

Mailing Address: 26 Point Breeze Road

City: Wolfeboro

State: NH

Country: US

Comment: If solar, wind and other alternate energy costs/kwh will be competitive w/i 5 years, will any investment in new transmission be recouped. What is the ROI argument on power lines? Would these lines help to distribute power from solar and wind energy between providers and users? Between sources and power storage facilities that come online when there is no sun and wind? We need to get off of political statements and ask more important questions. Then we need to disseminate the compiled information on the various questions/issues.

We spend too much time with politicizing energy issues. For example, why waste so much time and energy in the US and Internationally arguing about "Climate Change". Why waste so much energy and dollars on regulation on American industries? Why not initiate a "Race-to-the-Moon-Like Project" on lowering alternative energy generation, distribution and storage by 40%. Economic factors from the success of such a project would enable countries, both rich and poor, to rapidly move away from fossil fuels. Economics works far better than government regulation. Only rich countries can afford to, or will, comply with regulation.

0561-1

Thank you for your comment. Socioeconomic impacts for all of the alternatives are addressed within Section 4.1.2 of the EIS. This section additionally provides the ability to compare estimated project construction costs for all alternatives evaluated. The EIS analysis does not attempt to determine the proponent's return on investment or temporal requirement achieve a return, as this is beyond the scope of this EIS. The Project would transport electricity generated by hydropower resources in Canada.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0562-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8878**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Historic/Cultural, Tourism, Quality of Life, Cumulative Effects, Noise, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures, Environmental Justice**Name:** Alan Bunker**Organization:****Email:** alanbhike@yahoo.com**Mailing Address:** 190 Jackman Pond Rd**City:** South Tamworth**State:** NH**Zip:** 03883**Country:** US

Comment: Please bury the lines.
Our state relies heavily on outdoor recreation and scenic beauty. Please don't mar the landscape with these high tension electrical lines.
Please bury the lines.
Thank you for your consideration

0562-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0563-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8879

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery

Organization:

Comment: I oppose the Northern Pass unless it is fully buried and unless alternative energy options have been fully investigated.

0563-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0564-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8880

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization: AMC

Comment: As a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and hiker in the White mountains for the past 40 years I firmly oppose the Northern Pass project but would agree with the AMC demands that it be buried underground.

Please follow their much researched directives and oppose this project as it now stands.

0564-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8882

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Name: Holly Keith

Organization:

Email: hiketh@yahoo.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 924

City: Northampton

State: MA

Zip: 01061

Country: US

Comment: I support full burial of the Northern Pass transmission lines, as in Alternative 4A, or with a route following 91. The FEIS should assess the visual expectations for the undeveloped landscape qualities of the North Country held by residents, second home owners, and visitors to the region --- that's me. Anything else is heartbreaking.

0565-1

Thank you for your comment. The EIS and Visual Impact Assessment Technical Report analyze potential impacts to visual resources resulting from the Project. Visual impacts are summarized in Section 2.5.1 of the EIS, and are further evaluated under each geographic section and alternative (see Sections 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.3.1, 4.4.1, and 4.5.1 of the EIS).

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0566-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8884

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: I oppose the creation of an electrical line across the White Mountains.
It is important to me to have some wild environments on the East Coast.
Thanks, Scott Oliver

0566-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8886

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: Northern Pass should be fully buried and DOE should examine all burial alternatives. Full burial is technically doable and is being used by other projects in the region. Northern Pass should do the same.

0567-1

Thank you for your comment. Northern Pass has applied to the Department of Energy for a Presidential permit for an HVDC transmission line that would run from Quebec, Canada to Deerfield, NH. Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038, "requires that executive permission be obtained for the construction and maintenance at the borders of the United States of facilities for the exportation or importation of electric energy." DOE is authorized to "receive applications for the construction, operation, maintenance, or connection, at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country[,]" and "[u]pon finding the issuance of the permit to be consistent with the public interest, and, after obtaining the favorable recommendations of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense thereon, to issue to the applicant, as appropriate, a permit for [the] construction, operation, maintenance, or connection." (EO 10485). DOE, however, does not have siting authority for the Project. In this case, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee has siting authority for the Project in the state of New Hampshire. Additionally, the USFS has siting authority for portions of the Project located in the White Mountain National Forest. (For further discussion, see Sections 1.1-1.3 of the final EIS.) While DOE's authority is limited to the approval or denial of the amended Presidential permit application (August 2015) as requested by the Applicant, DOE's policy is to analyze not only the proposed border crossing, but also the alignment of new infrastructure required between the proposed border crossing and connection to the existing U.S. electricity system as a connected action. In keeping with this policy, DOE analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the alignment proposed by the Applicant. In addition, in response to input from Cooperating Agencies, other agencies, and extensive public comment, DOE analyzed a range of other alignments and underground and overhead configurations between the proposed border crossing and connection with the existing U.S. electricity system. The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. The EIS analyzes several full-burial alternatives in detail (Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c). The potential environmental impacts of all twelve alternatives, as well as technical constraints and costs, are discussed throughout the EIS. Additionally, seventeen alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Section 2.4 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information on alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed analysis.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0568-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8888

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Name: jed eliades

Organization: AMC

Title: Member

Email: je@2dartmouth.edu

State: NH

Country: US

Comment: Our society desires to have adequate electricity everywhere. We've desecrated the land scape in the past with new power lines and we accept them. I feel, if we need it, build it now, since we don't have alternatives in place. Anywhere that stirs opposition, put it underground! When the completed project is finish graded, it will make a wonderful recreation path thru the mountains for cross-country, telemark skiing, and mountain biking.

Jed Eliades,
Hanover, NH

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8890

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Organization:

Comment: As a resident of Massachusetts, owners of a second home in Ashland, NH, and avid hikers in the White Mountains, we were appalled by the initial above ground design of Northern Pass. The more recent plan with buried lines from Bethlehem to Ashland improved the plan, but it is enough? Tourism is vital to the NH economy. Pristine forests and magical views are vital to visitors to enjoy, relax, and gain mental restoration while hiking, biking, or other activities in New Hampshire. I am an avid traveler. So many wonderful, restful views are ruined by power lines, towers, and blighted landscapes due to ill-considered power projects. You have a chance to do this one right. Please put the entire project beneath the ground, choosing a route that is least destructive to our precious forests. Use highway corridors wherever possible. Has the best route been chosen? Does it have to pass through the Whites? Is the project the best expenditure of our funds? Look ahead 50-100 years. Is Canadian water power our best electrical power source? Please choose an option that is best for future generations as well as us today.

0569-1

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates several alternatives that include burial of the Project and/or specific segments of the Project. Each of these alternatives is evaluated and compared within the Socioeconomic section of the EIS (see Section 4.1.2). The EIS additionally analyzes the importance of tourism to New Hampshire, businesses, and the local and regional economy. The EIS (Section 3.1.2) and the Socioeconomic Technical Report describe the methods used to analyze potential impact to tourism for this EIS. As discussed in Section 4.1.2 of the EIS, no authoritative peer-reviewed studies were identified that address impacts to tourism as a result of the construction of transmission lines, and DOE did not attempt to develop such a study. No other resources were identified to allow for quantification of potential impacts. The EIS concludes that "while it is reasonable to conclude that the Project may have some level of impact on tourism within New Hampshire and on individual locations near the Project route, these are not quantifiable." Additionally, Section 4.1.1 addressed potential impacts to Visual Resources which may result.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8891**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Health and Safety, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Soils, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Taxes, Historic/Cultural, Economic, Traffic, National Security, Tourism, Quality of Life, Air Quality, Cumulative Effects, Forest Service Lands, NEPA Process, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures, Environmental Justice, Other

Name: Cindy Kudlik**Organization:****Email:** cindykudlik@hotmail.com**Mailing Address:** 11 Gifford Hill Rd.**City:** Grafton**State:** NH**Zip:** 03240**Country:** US

Comment: Hydro-power like that proposed for Northern Pass is actually more harmful to the environment than whatever forms of electrical generation our southern neighbors may use less of because of it. Micro-grids are much better for national security purposes. The cost of this project already to the state of New Hampshire and the sheer number of opponents makes it clear that the only way it can be built is after much bloodshed. Please use some common sense and nip this in the bud before it sparks the next revolution.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8892

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Country: US

Comment:

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ID: 8893

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Name: Robert Dickinson

Organization:

Title: Mr.

Email: RLDickinson@snet.net

Mailing Address: 19 Birch Road

City: South Windsor

State: CT

Zip: 06074

Country: US

Comment: If Northern Pass Project in New Hampshire is built a continous trail should be built for it's entire length with a trail surface suitable for walking/bicycling & hiking such as stone dust or paved surface.

This would help ofset the negative effect on the environment.

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Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. The EIS analyzes several full-burial alternatives in detail (Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c). The potential environmental impacts of all twelve alternatives, as well as technical constraints and costs, are discussed throughout the EIS. Additionally, seventeen alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Section 2.4 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information on alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Development of recreation trails was not proposed by the applicant or assessed within the final EIS.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8895

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Alternatives, Health and Safety, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands

Name: Eileen Perry

Organization:

Email: mark.perry5@verizon.net

Mailing Address: 17 Central St

City: Marblehead

State: MA

Zip: 01945

Country: US

Comment: WE DO NOT NEED THIS> There are plenty of ways to find alternative energy. It will impact the health of the environment as a whole.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8896**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:****Name:** Edward Mehigen**Organization:****Email:** mehigene@comcast.net**Mailing Address:** 79 Peninsula Drive**City:** Stratham**State:** NH**Zip:** 03885**Country:** US

Comment: Project should completely bury all the lines as the NY/Vt project is doing! There is no need to not do the right thing! If one utility can use the new technology to bury the lines at an acceptable cost why can't Northern Pass?
Destruction of the North Woods is not acceptable!!!!

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Thank you for your comment.

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ID: 8897**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Alternatives**Name:** Nancy Lillydale**Organization:****Email:** Nancy.Lillydale@gmail.com**Mailing Address:** 12 Bates Park Ave**City:** Beverly**State:** MA**Country:** US**Comment:** Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

As many of the experts will submit arguments on need and alternatives, I will leave my comments solely about the issue of burial. If this project goes forward, I urge you to bury the transmission lines. The wilderness area in the Northeast does not need another blight. And once these lines are in, it will require continuous maintenance of the transmission lines, defoliation, and impact to the surrounding areas for the maintenance.

There are places that need to maintain their natural beauty for now and generations to come. Burial of the transmission lines is the only way to limit the impact to the wilderness area and provide access to the transmission lines without disturbing this pristine area.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8898**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Health and Safety, Vegetation, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Private Property/Land Use, Historic/Cultural, National Security, Quality of Life, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures**Name:** Jacki Gray**Organization:****Email:** jacki44@yahoo.com**Mailing Address:** 33 Guinea Road**City:** Dunbarton**State:** NH**Zip:** 03046**Country:** US**Comment:** If this goes through, which I hope it does not, I think the people it affects should be extremely well treated, for all they have to give up!!!!!!!

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Thank you for your comment.

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ID: 8899**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Alternatives**Name:** Rodney W Byam**Organization:****Email:** rwb0203@yahoo.com**Mailing Address:** 14 Anbelwold Circuit**Mailing Address:** P O Box 225**City:** York Beach**State:** ME**Zip:** 03910**Country:** US

Comment: I have been against the North Pass Project since its inception and I am still against it. If this project is going to be forced upon us despite local opposition (a very disturbing outcome), then, at a minimum, the whole distance of the project must be completely buried. No exception!

The Northern Pass Project should not be approved without being buried. Local people, who live near this project, deserve full support from our US government agencies when dealing with this issue.

Thanks,

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8900**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Viewshed/Scenery**Name:** Nils Bruzelius**Organization:** none**Email:** nils.bruzelius@verizon.net**Mailing Address:** 1973 Main Road**City:** Westport Point 02791**State:** MA**Country:** US

Comment: As a New England resident for near 50 years who has hiked, skied, canoed and generally enjoyed the natural beauty and unspoiled landscapes of New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, as well as their southern neighbors, I urge you to reject the Norther Pass project as proposed. At a time when American's energy sources are undergoing revolutionary that will greatly diminish the need for long-range power transmission via unsightly towers and cables, it makes no sense to blight the landscape with monuments to an soon-to-be obsolete power transmission system. You do not want Northern Pass to be your legacy.

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ID: 8901

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Name: Thomas Meredith

Organization:

Email: thomasmmeredith1@outlook.com

Mailing Address: 1210 Milan Rd.

City: Milan

State: NH

Country: US

Comment: I live in Coos County in northern New Hampshire and spend a lot of time hiking and skiing in areas near the proposed route. I feel strongly that Hydro Quebec should bury the entire line from the Canadian Border to Ashland. Specifically, the current proposed overhead line from Stewartstown to Bethlehem should be buried. This is a Canadian company seeking to profit by building a power line in New Hampshire. They should be held to the very highest environmental standards including effects on wildlife, watersheds, viewshed and scenery. Use of eminent domain should be prohibited.

0579-1

Thank you for your comment. Full burial alternatives are evaluated under Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c of the EIS. For the purposes of eminent domain, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission has authority to rule on matters of eminent domain for electric transmission lines pursuant to Chapter 498-A of the Eminent Domain Procedures Act.

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Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8902

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives, Health and Safety, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Soils, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Taxes, Historic/Cultural, Economic, Traffic, National Security, Tourism, Quality of Life, Air Quality, Cumulative Effects, Noise, Forest Service Lands, NEPA Process, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures, Environmental Justice

Organization:

Comment: I hike, camp, walk and travel extensively in New Hampshire in the areas that the DOE is considering for the Northern Pass transmission project. It is beautiful and pristine land that provides peace and solitude to me and many of my friends and companions while exploring the wilderness. It also offers unspoiled vistas in all direction and is a major reason why we go to the Mountains and their surrounding valley's, rivers and towns. Any type of above ground power line plan to transmit power from Canada through the United States should be buried underground and along existing infrastructure like highways and state roads. Having this run through any private or public land that impacts its natural beauty would be foolish. Especially when a large part the New Hampshire economy depend on tourism, eco-therapy and outdoor recreation. It just doesn't make common or logical sense to allow this to happen.

However, we live in a world that often dismisses both logical and common sense for what make business sense. Having worked in business and owned a business I understand this thinking and the need for energy. I also recognize that Hydro-electricity is much cleaner than fossil based energy sources. However, they are other alternative energy sources like wind and solar that are just as important in reducing our reduce carbon footprint which provide good clean energy and jobs. These alternative energy sources should be factored into this project and reviewed as part of how New Hampshire and its consumers want to move forward with its future energy needs. Especially when the source of this power comes from a company that is a for profit enterprise and outside our country.

Just exactly are New Hampshire citizens going to benefit at an individual level by having new power lines run through their state? This seems vague and unclear with hopeful promises.

Based on the issues for me that I just stated my recommendation is to not have any power lines above ground and to select a route that does not impact the beauty of what we already have today. If we can't accomplish that than don't do this project and find other ways to produce clean energy for New Hampshire and other states.

0580-1

Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. Additionally, seventeen alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Section 2.4 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information on alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. A power generation alternative was considered but was eliminated from detailed analysis in the EIS because it is not a reasonable alternative. Section 2.4.8 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information about this alternative. Section 1.4 of the final EIS has been updated to include new information on market trends and energy use, including demand-side management and energy efficiency, since the draft EIS was published in 2015.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8903**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Purpose and Need, Cumulative Effects

Organization:

Comment: I'm a person who has lived in New Hampshire for the past decade and I love this state and what it has to offer. I'm a firm believer in doing things right the first time and looking at the whole picture in the presenting future. I'm all for renewable clean energy but this project will be here for the rest of New Hampshire's future and the only tightest to construct this project is to bury the entire power line transmission path. Eversource will be profiting off of this project for the next 100 years but New Hampshire will have to live with this for all of New Hampshire's future generations so do this project right the first time because once this project is completed there's no going back. Eversource has the money so make them do it right and invest what it takes to do this right for the people and future generations of New Hampshire.
Thank you. Ryan

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8904**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Tourism**Name:** Brian Granville**Organization:****Email:** briangranville@gmail**Mailing Address:** 195 Greenville st**City:** Spencer**State:** MA**Zip:** 01562**Country:** US

Comment: My wife and I own land in Northumberland NH to explore the North country/White mountains with our whole family so they can have a place to go to see the beauty of nature and respect what is left of it in the northeast.

We live outside of Worcester Massachusetts where the respect to the natural world and the environment has taken a back seat to commerce and it shows.

We have traveled the United States and abroad to visit and explore beautiful natural spots that can only be replicated by mother nature herself and you have that beauty in your back yard.

You do not know what you have until its gone is a saying that would fit the bill if the power lines were to allowed to be installed overhead versus underground.

Imagine all the mom's and dads taking their children to the white mountains to get away and enjoy one of the last corridors left in pristine condition and while looking in amazement at the vast views of mountain peaks and valleys with rolling fields with rivers and streams, then having a running 125 foot power grid system in the middle of it.

The progress of man and greater efficiency must always move ahead for us as a nation to thrive, but to jeopardize one of the last regions with this natural beauty when there is another alternative is the equivalent of stepping on a dollar to pick up a dime for all of the residence of the North woods and for those that visit the region for its natural beauty and leave the city look for a while.

Please do not take this matter for granted, and give it the respect it deserves.

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Thank you,
Brian Granville

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8905

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery, Cumulative Effects, Other

Organization:

Comment: I am opposed to the Northern Pass project. Instead, we should develop solar and wind energy.

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Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8909

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives

Name: William Febiger

Organization:

Mailing Address: 83 Forest Avenue

City: Essex

State: MA

Zip: 01929

Country: US

Comment: I favor an alternative that will bury proposed lines along more of the route north of Whitefield. The Cohos Trail viewpoints, extending north from the White Mountains to Stark and Nash Stream forest, should be better protected from visual impacts of overhead lines. This includes landmarks such as Mt. Cabot, the Horn and the Percy Peaks.

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Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes several full-burial alternatives in detail (Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c) and two additional alternatives in which the line would be buried everywhere north of Franklin, NH (Alternatives 6a and 6b).

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Thank you for your comment.

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ID: 8910**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Alternatives**Name:** John W. Barto**Organization:****Email:** jwbarto@metrocast.net**Mailing Address:** 515 Dowboro Road**City:** Pittsfield**State:** NH**Zip:** 03263-3905**Country:** US

Comment: This project is commercial to benefit its owners. All lines should be buried to avoid the adverse effect to health and safety, vegetation, wildlife, viewshed/scenery. water and wetlands and private property. If the owners determine that the project is economically infeasible with all lines buried, it should not be allowed to be built otherwise.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8911

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Recreation

Organization: AMC

Comment: As a member of AMC, I strongly support their efforts to have the ENTIRE transmission line buried from start to finish. The State of NH should not squander our natural forests that currently attracts/ supports our largest source of income, tourism. Use the Interstate highway footprint to lay down the transmission lines.

Thank you

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8913**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Health and Safety, Vegetation, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Historic/Cultural, Economic, Tourism, Quality of Life, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures

Organization:

Comment: After spending a great anniversary weekend with my GF in Whitefield NH and driving through quite a large portion of Northern Pass projected territory, I strongly oppose this project for what it will do to the overall brand of New Hampshire.

As a NH resident this would affect the town I live in (Raymond) and live around as well as the towns I spend my weekends in up North and also greatly impact property values.

I have brought dozens of people up north to the White Mountains area and they are always in awe at the Natural beauty of this state and they always come back again spending crucial tourist dollars. I believe that 160 foot transmission towers will greatly diminish the draw of New Hampshire and negatively impact this beauty for both its residents and its visitors. The fact that this energy is mainly for MA residents is another major issue. DON'T RUIN NH FOR MASS! BURY THE LINES!

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Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8914

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Name: John Gibson

Organization:

Email: maineroads@aol.com

Mailing Address: 6 Choate Lane

Mailing Address: Apt 114

City: Hallowell

State: ME

Country: US

Comment: I am writing to support the total-burial option for the entire 186-mile length of the Northern Pass project. It should not be built above ground in the various environmentally and scenically important regions it proposes to defile. Burial along the I-91 corridor should be fully technically evaluated.

Assumed reliability of Quebec Hydro power for transmission along this line must be questioned. There is no evidence of any guarantee that such power generation can be relied upon in the future. Quebec Hydro power generation has been achieved via the displacement and removal of many economically disadvantaged citizens of rural Quebec, especially First Nation peoples. It is tainted energy.

All proposed routes for this transmission line would destroy historically valuable mountain territory, already recognized as environmentally fragile. Such routing would create visual pollution visible from mountain trails, highways and communities throughout northern and north central New Hampshire, including White Mountain National Forest lands. Endangered plant species would be affected adversely. Burying this line would somewhat mitigate the damage likely to be done by this development. The line should be buried along existing major highways.

Public preserved environmentally unique mountain lands, acquired with taxpayer and private-donor

0588-1

Thank you for your comment. DOE considered a second alternative border crossing in Vermont, specifically identified as a border crossing at Derby Line, VT that would utilize I-91. DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section 2.4.17 of the final EIS has been added to reflect consideration of this alternative and DOE's determination.

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generosity, should not be defiled so that corporate interests can make more money in order to run air conditioners in cities like New York and Philadelphia. New Hampshire's unique high country and major mountain ranges must not be defiled and damaged to gratify the ambitions of private entities. There are many alternatives not yet considered in this proposal.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8915

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Wildlife

Name: joan sullivan

Organization:

Email: justjoan54@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 137 water st

City: exeter

State: NH

Zip: 03833

Country: US

Comment: I am not in favor of passing the 'Pass' because of, Lost Viewshed/Scenerey, Quality of Life, Wildlife, Health and Safety to name a few good reasons . Seek Alternatives.

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Thank you for your comment.

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ID: 8916**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Wildlife**Name:** joan sullivan**Organization:****Email:** justjoan54@gmail.com**Mailing Address:** 137 water st**City:** exeter**State:** NH**Zip:** 03833**Country:** US**Comment:** I am not in favor of passing the 'Pass' because of, Lost Viewshed/Scenerey, Quality of Life, Wildlife, Health and Safety to name a few good reasons . Seek Alternatives.

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Thank you for your comment.

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ID: 8917**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:****Name:** Jason Blais**Organization:****Email:** JayBlais@msn.com**Mailing Address:** 12 Underwood Road**City:** Hubbardston**State:** MA**Zip:** 01452**Country:** US

Comment: I believe that the Northern Pass Project fails to protect the natural environment and puts an unnecessary burden on many people across the length of NH. This project will permanently scar and disrupt the natural landscape of the NH state and National Lands that so many people value, including myself. These pristine lands should not be sacrificed for the profits and greed of a private corporation to deliver energy to a small portion of our region. This project needs to be stopped until a better alternative can be created if and only when the true need for more energy for most of our region is here.

0592-1

Good evening. Raymond Gorman. Chairman of the Board here in Colebrook, Selectman. First of all, I'm coming to make a statement here about we really appreciate seeing this meeting here tonight, and I think if you look at the number of people that are here, you compare it to the population in this area, this might be one of your most well-attended meetings. And it's important, I think it's been, I was at the original meeting in 2010, and it's important to please include Colebrook in this area in your meetings. And next is going to be a question for folks over here, and maybe you can help answer. We see tonight with your Power Point that you're talking about 30 million dollars in property tax. Okay? And why I'm coming to this is the town of Colebrook right now is involved with a lawsuit with New Hampshire Electric Co-op that we have spent tens of thousands of dollars on. We spent 40 to \$50,000 in the last four to five years disagreeing with them about the evaluation of their power lines and poles. We feel we've got at least two more years with this lawsuit. There's several other towns. So my question to you folks are, do you have any lawsuits with any other communities over the values of the transmission lines, and how do you see this 30 million over the next five to ten years, will we sue, will those towns be collecting the same percentage after five years and ten years as you projected at the first year of this to be taxed.

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Thank you for your comment.

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ID: 8924

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Alternatives, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Historic/Cultural, Economic, Tourism, Quality of Life, Cumulative Effects, Forest Service Lands, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures

Name: David Bjorkman

Organization:

Title: Mr.

Email: ddbjorkman@verizon.net

Mailing Address: 27 Homestead Road

City: Lynnfield

State: MA

Country: US

Comment: I believe that the Northern Pass project will cause harm in many areas. Instead of importing more hydro power from Canada, we should be looking into alternatives, such as solar, grid scale battery storage, and energy efficiency as reasonable alternatives to Northern Pass as proposed. The corridor (4a), if approved, should be fully buried. Northern Pass has given misleading and untruthful claims concerning burial. This method is already in use in other areas, NY and VT, that Hydro Quebec has done. The high intrinsic visual impact, which has Not been fully and correctly investigated by the DEIS analysis, will be destroyed by towers. The economic results would be devastating to the area.

I believe the I-91 corridor is a much better alternative and should be investigated by the DOE. Burial would be easier in that area, and Vermont has said they will entertain the plan. This would remove all aspects of putting this project through a highly sensitive, for many reasons, area such as the White Mountains.

I could go on, but the many negative aspects of the Northern Pass project are running around in my mind so quickly, it's hard to put them into words, I have lived, hiked, skied, and mapped in the area and believe the short and long term aspects of this project, as proposed by Hydro Quebec, will do nothing but harm to the area. This is not worth the additional power, and much of the economic gain will only go to the backers of the project, and not the people.

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Thank you for your comment. The purpose of, and need for, DOE's action is to determine whether or not to grant the requested Presidential permit for the Project, which is a proposed transmission line crossing the international border. As discussed in Section 1.4 of the EIS, Northern Pass set forth a range of project objectives and benefits in its permit application. DOE and the cooperating agencies reviewed this documentation and determined that the project objectives include addressing three primary needs concerning New England's electricity supply: diverse, low-carbon, non-intermittent electricity. Section 2.4 of the EIS discusses alternatives considered but eliminated from further analysis. DOE determined that other transmission projects, power generation alternatives, and energy conservation do not meet the purpose and need for DOE's action. The EIS analyzes in detail the potential environmental impacts of a No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. Under the No Action Alternative, it is assumed that existing energy sources, including distributed generation and alternative energy generation, would continue to supply the ISO-NE region and that energy efficiency measures would continue. Section 3.1.2.5 of the EIS discusses the existing condition of Electricity System Infrastructure which would be anticipated to persist under the No Action Alternative.

DOE considered a second alternative border crossing in Vermont, specifically identified as a border crossing at Derby Line, VT that would utilize I-91. DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section 2.4.17 of the final EIS has been added to reflect consideration of this alternative and DOE's determination.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8927

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Environmental Justice

Organization:

Comment: As humanity progresses into an evermore uncertain future regarding the health and safety of our environment, we cannot continue to let further development destroy what little wilderness and natural beauty we have left. The northern pass, as it stands, is not progress. We need places left in the world to remain untouched to inspire the next great thinkers in our world who will work to save our planet and reverse the damage we have imposed on the planet. If the people's opinion have no power then what kind of future are are children going to find themselves in?

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Thank you for your comment.

My name is Pamela Martin. I am from Plymouth. Lately I've been reading a lot about many of the places across America which have been turned into sacrifice zones. Sacrifice zones are cities or entire states that corporations and governments have decided to simply sacrifice. Places to them that are not worth saving. Places like Flint, Michigan; Scranton, Pennsylvania; Canton, New Jersey; and states like West Virginia. Many mountaintops in West Virginia have been blown off so that the companies can easily get to the coal with the fewest possible employees. Water is now so toxic it can be set on fire because of fracking. All these cities and states are grim reminders that American corporations pick winners and losers when it comes to their interests. Now huge energy corporation Eversource has joined forces with a foreign government, and they have decided that New Hampshire is the next sacrifice zone for their profit. We are expected to simply resign ourselves to giant power lines being built over the most beautiful areas of our state and just ignore private property lines to satisfy the corporate interests of Eversource and Hydro-Quebec. There are many plans in the books to cover New Hampshire with other transmission line projects. Wind towers on our ridgelines and gas pipelines with the energy to be exported outside the state. Well, I'm here to tell you that that is not happening in New Hampshire. I don't care what the federal government decides, I don't care that our own governor won't stand up and protect our state from being pillaged by giant corporations. I don't care that Nashua and Manchester Chambers of Commerce don't think that the northern part of the state is worth protecting, and I don't care that the governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut think that New Hampshire is expendable for their own energy needs. The people of this state will never allow this. No area of New Hampshire will be sacrificed from the Canadian border to Deerfield. We will not stand for any losers. Eleanor Roosevelt once said that nobody can abuse you without your consent. We do not consent to having any part of our state trashed so that other people can make a lot of money. The only way to stop this travesty is for we the people to stand up and say no. I'm asking everyone here to ask anyone who is running for public office in New Hampshire, especially the candidates for Governor, what their stand is on the giant energy projects and what they're going to do to stop them. One candidate is the CEO of Waterville Valley. Ask him. I know it seems futile to get a governor to ever take a stand on Northern Pass, but it's not enough just to be opposed or to say flowery things about the beauty of New Hampshire. If we don't want to become another sacrifice zone for giant energy corporations, we have to take actions and demand action from our government leaders. The future of New Hampshire depends upon it.

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Thank you for your comment.

Seems like Old Home Day here. I've spoken to you so many times, and really at this point, the issues with the Draft EIS that I would have brought up have already been brought up. So I won't bore you with that, but I would like to point out again to just emphasize what former speakers have said. That this is really about the future of our state. This is a horse. Northern Pass is a stalking horse. If this goes through and they're allowed to go overhead, we can expect more attacks on us. In fact, ISO New England has a 2030 power system study that shows that, and I encourage you to look at it. Occasionally, it is a good practice for each of us to reflect on the reasons for instituting government in the first place. Both the US and our New Hampshire Constitution state clearly that the government is instituted for the safety and welfare of the people. Neither of those documents make any mention of corporate rights. Yet all too often the welfare and the wishes of people are ignored or trampled on by corporations that claim superior rights to those of actually human being. Worse yet, corporations regularly display contempt for the welfare of our human communities by damaging public and private property and despoiling the environment with projects that feed their bottom lines while leaving the people poorer. There are, of course, projects of public need such as power lines to transmit electricity needed to keep the lights on or to supply water and discharge waste, but even in those cases, it is incumbent upon those planning and building a project to use up to date technology and building techniques that would do the harm to the host communities, human communities and their natural environment. The Eversource insistence on using 19th century technology for overhead power lines to build for their profit high voltage corridors through New Hampshire is a blatant case of corporate disregard for the welfare of the people. They are well aware of the proven, cost effective, storm-proof and community friendly line burial technology that Hydro-Quebec has used worldwide. Eversource should be instructed to be a good neighbor to our New Hampshire communities by burying the entire Northern Pass project or forfeit the privilege to build the project at all. And I thank you.

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Thank you for your comment. Air quality impacts potentially resulting from the Project, including carbon emissions, are discussed in Section 4.1.10 of the EIS and the Air Quality Technical Report. Appendix H of the EIS includes several Applicant-proposed impact avoidance and minimization measures related to air quality, but DOE has not developed nor is planning to develop a carbon monitoring program. The EIS analyzes several alternatives in detail that include full burial in roadway corridors.

Good evening. I'm Elizabeth Terp from Thornton. My comments will be brief. Hydro-Quebec hydroelectric power is not clean energy. It comes at a great cost to the environment, the indigenous people of Quebec, the fishing and tourist industries, and they've gotten around this through manipulating Quebec laws so that they can actually call a reservoir a land use change. So my concern is with the carbon footprint that Hydro-Quebec plans to make in New Hampshire via the Northern Pass project and the absence of a comprehensive mitigation plan to offset the 500 miles of access roads they plan to build, widening the existing road, blasting to prepare for pilings, cement for pilings. That's one ton of cement equals one ton of carbon dioxide. Heavy equipment used to create 35-foot pilings to carry the new lines. So the following questions need to be addressed before the Northern Pass application is accepted. What is the Northern Pass mitigation plan. How much will it cost. What recognized Carbon Footprint Monitoring System is being used. For example, the Carbon Disclosure Project which is a London-based global nonprofit that does that. And who will pay the bill. All this business about reducing our electric rates, who is paying, you know, we really don't have a full bill of what this project is going to include. So for a smaller carbon footprint, Northern Pass needs to bury the line all the way down Route 93. Thank you for your consideration.

0600-1

Good evening. Tyler Eaton in support of Northern Pass. I believe there has been a compromise of 60 miles of this type of cable, which I believe as of today the longest run of this type of cable in North America is 23 miles. The longest run in the world is around 118 miles in Australia. I believe a little bit probably easier digging and in better soil than it would be in the Granite State, and this project will create many jobs. It will boost the economy, and I believe it's time, and it's been long enough to get Northern Pass going. Thank you.

0601-1

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Thank you for your comment.

Hi, I'm Susan Seitz. I'm from Deerfield, New Hampshire. I stood outside of the Deerfield Town Hall yesterday for four hours talking to voters, and I stood outside at our historic Town Hall showing people that behind where I was standing you would see between 130-foot and 155-foot towers. So our small historic district is going to have towers behind it. The overwhelming response was, why bother. No one is listening. Eversource is throwing money at everybody, and we can't win. I'm hoping they are wrong. This project is wrong for New Hampshire and it is very wrong for Deerfield, but we lose whether this project is buried or not. At some point this power must come out of the ground. It can't go into the substation underground. So not only will we have towers, we'll have a converter station and our substations will double in size, if not more. We can't get a direct answer on that. This project has not even been approved and Eversource is trampling wetlands and overrunning landowners rights along the right-of-way. This project is not planned for minimal impact. Northern Pass plans on starting at the Canadian border and bulldozing their way to Deerfield. There are practices available that will minimize the damage, but they will cost them more money and cut into their profits. They have not included any wetlands that are just outside the right-of-way, even though common sense says they will be greatly impacted. ISO New England has stated that this power is not needed. New Hampshire exports power but as a state, we are being asked to bear a burden that is excessively high for a private project that will benefit Eversource and the Canadian Province of Quebec. Not the New Hampshire residents, or the New Hampshire taxpayers. Please do not destroy New Hampshire for this private project.

0602-1

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Thank you for your comment. The Deerfield Substation would be expanded by approximately nine acres to accommodate the new 345 kV line (see Section 2.3.2.5 of the EIS). This would require the installation of additional terminal structures, 345 kV switches, breakers, bus work, instrument transformers, and associated protection and control devices inside the existing substation. A new Key Observation Point (KOP) photo-simulation for Deerfield Town Center has been prepared and evaluated in the final EIS and revised Visual Impact Assessment Technical Report (viewpoint DE-2, see Section 4.4.1 and Appendix E of the final EIS and Appendices A and B of the Visual Impact Assessment Technical Report).

Section 4.2.13 in the EIS describes potential impacts to wetlands and other water resources from the Project in the Northern Section. Appendix H of the EIS describes Applicant-Proposed Impact Avoidance and Minimization Measures that would minimize or avoid wetland impacts. Site-specific decisions regarding placement of project components are beyond the scope of this analysis and would be considered in the process overseen by the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee.

0603-1

Thank you for your comment.

Jan Marvel. Thank you. I'm completely unprepared because I thought I would never have a chance to speak because normally there's so many comment cards and so many people but this ridiculous location assured that that wouldn't happen. One thing I'd like to address is this Granite State comment that we hear so many times. I started a sign business in 1982, and since then, I have dug hundreds of post holes, and I can tell you right now that normally what we get is what we call potatoes, sometimes a grapefruit and very seldom do we have to actually move a location of a post. Now, when you bury lines, the depth is only about four feet. So the Granite State is really baloney because the pylons for these towers are, what, 30? They go over 30 feet deep? And then you're talking about a Granite State issue. The other thing I want to address is that when the settlers came to this land, it was absolutely horrific what they did to the native people. Now today we feel we're so civilized, that wouldn't happen today. Oh, it's happening right now. It has never stopped happening. Part of my heritage is Cree from Quebec, and I can't tell you how it makes me feel to know that people with blue shirts hear about their little wallets and don't care at all what's happening to the native people who right now are suffering from mercury poisoning. The fish have it, the animals have it and the Cree have it as well as the other five nations. I have spoken to the Cree from James Bay. We tried to get one to come down and speak with New Hampshire citizens. But they're so disheartened, they've given up. It's too late. This project I am against in every possible way. If it's going to happen, it should not be to harm people's property values, their quality of life, just so that some people can get a few temporary jobs. I am the first person, I totally, I work very hard and I admire people that do, and I'm the first person to stop and thank the electrical workers when the power goes out, and they're out there risking their necks in a storm. I will pull over and personally thank them, and I appreciate that, but what I don't appreciate is this bully mentality where they get into a busload to intimidate the rest of us and act as though they're poverty stricken. The recession and the economy in New Hampshire affects us all. My property is not going to take a hit now because I live in Thornton. Thank goodness. But I care very deeply about my friends to the north and my friends to the south, and I don't think it's right that hard working people should have to suffer for people's greed. Thomas May, the CEO of Eversource, I believe if I'm correct, made \$17 million last year alone and that does not include bonuses. And he wants more. And Hydro-Quebec wants more. And everyone wants more. This has been about money from day one. Nothing has changed. And none of us should be put, thrown under the bus to deepen these wallets. It's wrong, it's wrong, it's wrong.

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0604-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8941**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Recreation, Economic, Tourism**Name:** Kaitlyn Ellis**Organization:****Email:** ktlyn_ls@yahoo.com**City:** Henniker**State:** NH**Zip:** 03242**Country:** US

Comment: The beauty of New Hampshire's North Country is in the remote unbroken landscapes not touched by humans. I know that many people like myself, go up there to escape human impact and seek the feeling of remoteness that this area gives us. There is an amazing feeling that comes with this. It's not something that can be found in many places these days. The North country is one of the last escapes for many New Hampshire residents and residents of near by states. If the Northern Pass project went through this area it would ruin this magical places for hundreds or even thousands of people. I know that I would no longer visit the area if there were towers running through the wilderness. I'm sure that I am not alone in feeling this. It's true that populations in this area are low, but it's not just those people who are impacted. I speak for everyone who enjoys the wilderness. If the Northern Pass must go through, then it should be buried but I believe that New Hampshire is not the right place for this project.

0604-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0605-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8942

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: Please keep the wires underground. My family has been going to North Woodstock, NH for six generations. We visit the Pemigewasset River every time we go. Please leave it beautiful!!!

0605-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8943

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Alternatives, Viewshed/Scenery, Cumulative Effects

Name: Gary Woods

Organization:

Email: gwoods24@comcast.net

Mailing Address: 9 Elizabeth Lane

City: Kittery Point

State: ME

Zip: 03905

Country: US

Comment: Northern Pass should be fully buried and DOE should examine all burial alternatives. Full burial is technically doable and is being used by other projects in the region. Northern Pass should do the same.

The area is a unique natural resource that can not be duplicated and needs to be preserved 'as-is'/natural state and Northern Pass as proposed will adverse affect the quality of the resource.

0606-1

Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes several full-burial alternatives in detail (Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c). The potential environmental impacts of all twelve alternatives, as well as technical constraints and costs, are discussed throughout the EIS.

0606-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0607-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8944

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Historic/Cultural, Quality of Life, Cumulative Effects

Organization: AMC & summer resident, NH

Comment: Northern Pass is a bad idea to start with. If it must go through, then put it underground where it will not degrade the environment. The need for energy ebbs and flows. The real answer is conservation. You can never undo the damage above ground power lines will do to the beauty and integrity of the land.

0607-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0608-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8946

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: New Hampshire is a beacon, a last gaurd, for conservation and outdoor haven in the north east. It is a place that I have spent my vacation money three times this year because of the beauty and natural seclusion of the great parks. Any development will damage what little left of these qualities still exist. In a world of ever shrinking natural beauty this is a tremendous destruction of our limited resources. The government should not bow to corporate greed and needs to protect the beauty of the white mountains.

0608-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0609-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8948**Date Entered:** Mar 28, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Alternatives**Name:** Sigmund Hudson**Organization:****Email:** hudsonas@earthlink.net**Mailing Address:** P.O.Box 102**City:** Lisbon**State:** NH**Zip:** 03585**Country:** US

Comment: Northern Pass should bury the lines on the ENTIRE project. Northern Pass has not given a cost analysis and not given reasons why they cannot bury the entire project. They should be required to submit a cost analysis of the project using complete burial. Visually buried lines is the only way the project should be allowed to proceed. I live in Lisbon NH for 5 months each year, and during this time I travel throughout the North Country of NH, also in the White Mtn. National Forest, in the area near the towns of Bethlehem, Lancaster, Franconia. Such a project such not mar the beauty of the forest, the mountains, the hiking trails, the roadways.

0609-1

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0610-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8949

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Other

Organization:

Comment: I am writing to voice my opposition to the northern pass project. There are few places where Americans can hike into the woods and not see civilization. We need to preserve what wild lands we have. We do not need more power lines cutting through the forests.

0610-1

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8950

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need

Name: Mark Boren

Organization:

Title: Mr.

Email: boren_mark@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: 29 Cornerstone Dr.

City: Dover

State: NH

Zip: 03820

Country: US

Comment: I don't see why there is a need for this project when we have plenty of roof tops without solar panels.

0611-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 28, 2016

ID: 8951

Date Entered: Mar 28, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives, Health and Safety, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Economic, Tourism, Quality of Life, NEPA Process, Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures

Organization: AMC

Comment: The Northern Pass will be a disaster for the environment! It is a system that is NOT green. Why are we continuing to accept outdated systems, consisting of dirty energy without thoughts of the future? Why is this project presented as if there are no other alternatives? Where are the competing companies with alternative solutions? Where are the renewable energy markets? Renewable energy (solar/wind) is readily available and cost effective. Where are they represented on this platform? Why does one organization have so much influence, that can impact such a huge area, and affect so many aspects of human life, with such a tiny ROI? Clearly, there must be other options!
The Northern Pass will impose the degradation of water, wetlands, wildlife, and the quality of life in NH. In addition, tourism/the economy in the State of NH will suffer. The ROI does not make sense; the cost does not justify the means.

0612-1

Thank you for your comment. The final EIS analyzes several alternatives that involve a variety of technologies and alignments, including the advantages and disadvantages of transmission line burial. The Department of Energy (DOE) determined that alternative energy sources and demand management do not meet the purpose and need of DOE's action, which is to determine whether to grant the requested Presidential permit for the proposed project (see FEIS Section 2.4.8). Specifically, the proposed project is intended to address base load power generation, a type of energy not addressed by alternative energy sources.

0612-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8953

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives

Organization:

Comment: I strongly believe that Northern Pass should fully bury the transmission line project, as has been done in other projects nearby. The alternative route via Interstates 91, 89, and 93, which Northern Pass has not considered, should also be considered since it mitigates all kinds of impacts, from visual to environmental, by bundling it with existing man-made infrastructure.

I fully support the Appalachian Mountain Club's position on this issue.

0613-1

Thank you for your comment. DOE considered a second alternative border crossing in Vermont, specifically identified as a border crossing at Derby Line, VT that would utilize I-91. DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section 2.4.17 of the final EIS has been added to reflect consideration of this alternative and DOE's determination. Several alternatives analyzed in detail in the EIS include segments of underground cable within the I-93 corridor, including Alternatives 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6a, and 6b. Alternatives 4a, 5a, and 6a include burial through Franconia Notch in the I-93 corridor. Construction of underground cable in the I-93 corridor is described in Section 2.3.4.5 of the EIS. Laws and regulations governing the installation of utilities in interstate highways are discussed in Section 3.1.6.4 of the EIS, and the Memorandum of Agreement (also known as the 1977 Consent Decree) related to the maintenance of I-93 within Franconia Notch State Park is acknowledged and described in Section 3.3.6.4 of the EIS. As described in Section 4.1.6.1, the Applicant would be required to obtain relevant authorizations to construct the Project in roadway corridors. A particular discussion of construction in Franconia Notch is located in Section 4.3.6.4 of the EIS. DOE has considered this comment and no change to the EIS was made.

0613-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0614-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8955

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Alternatives, Health and Safety, Vegetation

Organization:

Comment: I am against any above ground building for the Northern Pass- these towers, structures, and wires all need to be below ground (if even needed to be built in the first place). The integrity of the White Mountains will be compromised otherwise!

0614-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8958

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Name: Miriam Kalliomaki

Organization: MK Nature Design

Title: Owner

Email: mknaturedesign@outlook.com

Mailing Address: 69 Melinda Crescent

City: Barrie

Zip: L4N5T7

Country: CA

Comment: Please consider complete burial for the lines in Northern Pass or an alternate route (I 91) for the project.

0615-1

Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes several full-burial alternatives in detail (Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c). The potential environmental impacts of all twelve alternatives, as well as technical constraints and costs, are discussed throughout the EIS. DOE considered a second alternative border crossing in Vermont, specifically identified as a border crossing at Derby Line, VT that would utilize I-91. DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section 2.4.17 of the final EIS has been added to reflect consideration of this alternative and DOE's determination.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8960

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Quality of Life

Name: James Wood

Organization:

Email: norton100@comcast.net

Mailing Address: 62 Ridgecrest Drive

City: Westfield

State: MA

Zip: 01085

Country: US

Comment: I think if it is doable and economically feasible to bury the transmission lines everyone wins. Please consider this option. Thanks Jim Wood

0616-1

Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes several full-burial alternatives in detail (Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c). The potential environmental impacts of all twelve alternatives, as well as technical constraints and costs, are discussed throughout the EIS.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8961

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Alternatives, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Tourism, Quality of Life

Name: John LeGates

Organization: Self

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6331

City: Lincoln, MA

State: MA

Country: US

Comment: The damage to the scenery and environment is too great. The extra costs of alternatives is worth it. Either bury the whole thing or run it down the Connecticut River.

0617-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

0618-1

Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8962**Date Entered:** Mar 29, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Alternatives, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Recreation**Name:** Walter Lazarz**Organization:****Email:** wlazarz@charter.net**Mailing Address:** 8 Old Meetinghouse Rd**City:** Auburn**State:** MA**Zip:** 01501**Country:** US

Comment: Northern Pass should be fully buried and DOE should examine all burial alternatives. Full burial is technically doable and is being used by other projects in the region. Northern Pass should do the same. The DEIS appropriately examines full burial in New Hampshire.

Transmission line burial is technologically and economically viable for long distances with minimal social or environmental impacts. But it is critical to select the appropriate corridor for burial. Recently DOE has issued Presidential Permits for projects that cross from Canada into New York and VT using modern burial technology in transportation corridors. In a separate endeavor, Hydro-Quebec is participating in another proposed fully-buried transmission project at the NY-VT border. Likewise, Northern Pass should use current technology and bury all of the lines.

0618-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8963**Date Entered:** Mar 29, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Alternatives, Vegetation, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Recreation, Quality of Life, Forest Service Lands**Name:** Scott Bellerose**Organization:****Email:** skbellerose@uninet.net**Mailing Address:** PO Box 393**City:** Unity**State:** ME**Zip:** 04988**Country:** US

Comment: As one of countless lovers of the outdoors and the White Mountains I urge you to please implement all of the recommendations of the AMC pertaining to this project. I agree with all of their views and recommendations.

Thank you,
Scott Bellerose

0619-1

Thank you. My name is Larry Rappaport. Boy, it's been a long time. I started this in 2007, and Mr. Quinlan, I have been asking to meet with you for two years now through your associate Donna Gamache who was in my committee. I'm a State Representative. And so far nothing's happened.

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Thank you for your comment.

0621-1

Thank you for your comment.

I'd like to thank the committee for coming to Colebrook, and I have to say this right at the beginning, of course I know he's here, Charlie Jordan said it best. This is like being trapped in the movie Groundhog Day. Now, I know this is the procedure, but the same thing over and over again, year after year, EIS, DOE hearings, SEC hearings, and absolutely nothing has changed. All the few pros on Northern Pass are the same. All the many cons on Northern Pass are the same. But the Groundhog Day meetings, hearings and steps in this so-called process go on and on, but you're not going to wear us out, and to make things even more ridiculous, we are here again to comment even though Northern Pass has not completed its application and still doesn't even have a route to build the project. You are going to hear nothing here that you haven't heard many times before. I've already heard so many things that I've heard before. And after millions and millions of words about this, it's many possible, no matter how many speakers there are or how articulate for anyone to say something different or shed a new thought on this saga. If you are among the very few that support this exploitation or if you are among many that are against this project without burial, you will hear nothing new. It's all been said. Many of you committee members must have sat through years of listening to this. I see Brian Mills so many times and others I recognize also, and I know it's your job, but this can't be the best part of it. Please, everyone, let's end this movie, but please know, however, like I said before, you ain't going to wear us out. But wait, a brand new idea did just come to me, and I don't think anybody has said this before. How about this. Why don't you bury Northern Pass. All the other companies do. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8966**Date Entered:** Mar 29, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Purpose and Need, Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Private Property/Land Use, Tourism, Forest Service Lands**Name:** Douglas Arion**Organization:****Email:** darion@carthage.edu**Mailing Address:** PO Box 96**City:** Twin Mountain**State:** NH**Zip:** 03595**Country:** US

Comment: It seems odd that there is so much opposition to Northern Pass from people across the entire state, with good solid reasons: aesthetic, environmental, health, that it should even remain on the table as a viable option. In addition to the issues already raised, hydro power is not 'green', just less 'non-green' than other sources: It involves flooding large valleys resulting in considerable ecological damage. It is far more appropriate to be working towards local generation than expanding a grid system that has major technical, economic, environmental, and maintenance challenges.

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Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8968

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Soils, Recreation

Organization: Appalachian Mountain Club

Comment: Dear sirs:

I believe an extension of the planned underground route for the northern pass should be considered.

Two areas of the route that I believe could be buried are that from about the town of Ashland to about the town of Franklin (south of the Great Gains Memorial Forest) and from about Northumberland east-northeast to about the 90 degree turn north near and northwest of the town of Dummer. The first is adjacent and routed between the boundaries of two adjacent protected forest areas and the second is west of one of the states prime recreation areas. Over the long term, I believe that the additional costs of these underground alternatives will yield long term financial as well as quality of life and scenic benefits to the states economy that will outweigh the added alternative costs of burying the herein described transmission power cable.

0623-1

Thank you for your comment. The commenter's preference is noted for project alternatives that involve burial of the proposed transmission line. The advantages and disadvantages of overhead and underground transmission lines are discussed throughout the final EIS, including issues related to cost and engineering feasibility.

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8969**Date Entered:** Mar 29, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Viewshed/Scenery, Water / Wetlands, Soils, Recreation**Organization:** Appalachian Mountain Club**Comment:** Dear sirs:

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Two areas of the route that I believe could be buried are that from about the town of Ashland to about the town of Franklin (south of the Great Gains Memorial Forest) and from about Northumberland east-northeast to about the 90 degree turn north near and northwest of the town of Dummer. The first is adjacent and routed between the boundaries of two adjacent protected forest areas and the second is west of one of the states prime recreation areas. Over the long term, I believe that the additional costs of these underground alternatives will yield long term financial as well as quality of life and scenic benefits to the states economy that will outweigh the added alternative costs of burying the herein described transmission power cable.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8970

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics: Purpose and Need, Alternatives, Recreation, Tourism, Quality of Life, Cumulative Effects

Organization:

Comment: I am opposed to building NORTHERN PASS. However, if it needs to be built , the ENTIRE line MUST be buried. There is no reason ANY of it needs to be visible to anyone. Remember, this decision is IRREVERSIBLE! I also do NOT believe that NH will benefit from any of this electricity. There may be additional jobs available for the SHORT TERM but not long term. I also question whether NH will benefit from lower electricity costs - I believe that the entire line will deliver electricity to the states south of NH. NORTHERN PASS should ONLY be granted if they agree to bury the entire line and provide electricity to NH.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8972

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: We are totally against the construction of high tension power lines to bring so-called low cost energy to New Hampshire. If Switzerland can bury power lines throughout their mountainous terrain, so can the United States.

Burying even a part of the power line is not an acceptable alternative. The economy depends upon our wild places and we don't want the North Country of NH to be decimated by a huge power line.

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Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8973

Date Entered: Mar 29, 2016

Source: Website

Topics:

Organization:

Comment: I am not in support of any power lines being above ground on the this project. All lines must be buried or this project should be abandoned. The opinions of the citizens of the states effected have a much higher priority than the business interests looking to use our land and negatively affect the aesthetics of the natural environment.

0627-1

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Thank you for your comment.

Refers to Comment placed on Mar 29, 2016

ID: 8980**Date Entered:** Mar 29, 2016**Source:** Website**Topics:** Alternatives**Name:** Jerome Farnsworth**Organization:****Email:** JeromeFarnsworth@msn.com**Mailing Address:** 191 Rutledge Road**City:** Belmont**State:** MA**Zip:** 02478**Country:** US**Comment:** Comments on Northern Pass Project in New Hampshire:

Quebec Hydro (the developer) has agreed to bury 52 miles of the power transmission cable; this is positive but leaves the remaining 135 miles of the transmission line carried on cable strung between 132 foot towers. The entire transmission cable should be underground. Here's why.

Here's a situation that I think is analogous to the Northern Pass project. In the 18 and 19th centuries rivers were dammed for flood control and power purposes. Many of these dams are no longer used for anything. The Essex dam in Lawrence, Massachusetts is a good example; to the best of my knowledge this dam generates no power; but the waters behind the dam are now occasionally used by floatplanes creating political opposition against removal of the dam. As a fisherman I know this dam prevents fish like shad, Atlantic salmon, and herring from moving up the river to spawn. This dam may never be removed.

My point is this. Who can say that in the future that some means may be will not be found to transmit power by wireless means without cables? In that event there will be no incentive to remove the towers, and like the dams that are no longer used; they will remain in place forever.

Please, please, and please don't let that happen! For the good of the United States, please insist that

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the Northern Pass Developer bury the cables.

Thank you for your consideration

Good evening. My name is Trevor Lewis. I live and work here in Coos County, and I'm here tonight to voice my support for Northern Pass. While some people oppose this project for reasons ranging from aesthetic concerns to the importation of a foreign energy source, I can understand and respect those views. In saying that, I do believe there's room for conservative responsible change and growth for this county and state. As a forester, I consider myself first and foremost a conservationist, and with that, I feel there's a balance that can be found between economic growth with the development and the protection and preservation of our environment. Northern Pass has heard the concern of those individuals that oppose this project as is evident from the changes that have been made from the initial proposal. I see that as a fair and balanced compromise for both parties, and looking forward in the future to grow economically while making our community a stronger and more vibrant place for the future. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Topics: Wildlife, Viewshed/Scenery, Recreation, Tourism

Organization: Property owner

Comment: I am a property owner in the town of Stark and strongly oppose the project as proposed. Route 110 is a scenic byway which takes you along the Upper Ammonusuc river, by the quaint town of Stark with its historic covered bridge and steepled church, not to mention the imposing, awesome views of Percy peaks in the background. These ugly, looming towers would ruin the beautiful views and vistas which are the reason we own property there. Either bury the entire line or scrap the entire project! This beautiful area should not be considered expendable.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Topics: Viewshed/Scenery

Organization:

Comment: As the owner of a residence in Sugar Hill NH that directly faces the ROW for the Northern Pass project I strongly urge the project to bury the lines as the planned towers will have a irreversibly negative impact on the area.

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Thank you,

Snowden Henry

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Thank you for your comment.

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Source: Website

Topics: Viewshed/Scenery, Historic/Cultural, Quality of Life, Cumulative Effects

Organization:

Comment: Why is it other states like Vermont are having electricity wires buried or under water down the middle of the lake for entire length.

Even UNH ran thermo heat pipes under grown and mostly followed Route 16 corridor. If a university can handle that cost going under grown then power companies should be willing to the under ground expense.

Don't ruin towns, scenery, wild life, quality of life, and so much more by approving above ground wires.

Much of the white mountains were saved due to early 20th century logging and clear cutting. So why would we want to go backwards and clear cut overhead wire corridors? Once it went up overhead there is no turning back when everyone realizes yes it does destroy the land scape.

The US forest service won't even repair camping lean to shelters on their land because it isn't natural yet NH would allow and approve overhead wires of the northern pass?

Northern towns are struggling economically and only have tourism due to natural beauty. Don't ruin that for them.

Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Organization:

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Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Hello. I'm Rob Beland. I've got land on both sides of the power line. I've got gas line going by my house. The gas company told me that, I told them why don't you put the gas line underneath the power line and run it through that way, and they says they can't because it's got to be so far away from the power line so they brought it close to my house. 24-inch main. So I had to live with that. I asked them to put it on the other side of the power line, and they said it cost too much, put it on the other side of the power line so now they're thinking about putting the transmission, there's one there, they want to put another transmission line there. You know, there's one 115 kV line going through there, something happens, Berlin says that, you know, they're unloaded, they've got to rehab that whole line. You know, they're not getting enough power through there, so let's heat that baby up a little bit more. If it's that bad, it should have been done 15 years ago. Eversource knew about it. They didn't do it since Northern Pass. Eversource didn't say well, we'll just throw that in. They knew about it. People in Berlin are hurting. Eversource knew they were hurting. You know, it's not a new thing. You know? I believe that, I think it's really, really, you ought to think about this because them gas lines with the 24-inch mains that goes a long ways to that right-of-way. When they put that gas line in, they didn't plan on having another line going through there. You know? It's just, you know, it's a bomb waiting to blow up. And I say bury it and be done with it. You know what I mean? All we're doing now is dragging our feet and having meetings and dragging our feet. Just bury it. You know? Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

My name is Steve Adams. I'm the President of PAR Electric Contractors, a Quanta Services Company. I want to thank both the Department of Energy and the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee for coming here today. I'm speaking in support of the project. We are the selected general contractor for Northern Pass. Quanta Services operates two construction companies in New Hampshire. PAR Electrical Contractors in Bow, New Hampshire, and JCR Utility Construction in Raymond, New Hampshire. We currently employ 200 people in New Hampshire with the company dating back to over 30 years. These employees live and work in New Hampshire and raise their family here. With Northern Pass, we plan on increasing the number of employees, permanent and temporary. An important aspect of Northern Pass is the Eversource's New Hampshire First commitment. It requires the general contractor to provide work and job opportunities for New Hampshire citizens and business. This local requirement includes several Eversource transmission projects in New Hampshire, including Northern Pass. While there are certain aspects of this project that would require specialty workers, there has been considerable effort to work with locals and local contractors to give them the best advantage. Over 70 New Hampshire companies and subcontractors have been met with to date. Given Quanta's experience working with large electrical transmission projects around the country, I want to provide some information on the economic benefits that these types of projects will be bringing to New Hampshire. While many people can see the jobs and economic benefits that flow to electric linemen, sometimes it's difficult to appreciate the benefits and how they flow down to the rest of the community. I think the best example is a similar transmission construction project that was just completed called the Maine Power Reliability Project. So-called MPRP. It was just completed in 2015. It was a five-year project that totaled \$1.4 billion. 390 contractors were hired to build the project with 270 of those contractors coming from Maine. At the height of construction of the project, it created 2700 jobs for the state and supplied \$436 million to the Maine economy. There are similar examples of these projects across the country with widespread economic benefits provided by these projects, but I would encourage the committee to consider that MPRP impacts due to the location and the schedule. Several of the other contractors have spoke about the various items used as far as wood and gravel, but the economic flow down goes much deeper when you get into lodging, landscaping and waste management, salvage, aggregate hauling, equipment hauling, transportation. Let's not forget all the way down to retail stores, restaurants, motels, campgrounds, all the necessary services that will be required to keep a large workforce moving, and the company will continue to operate and reach out to New Hampshire companies. We encourage all companies to reach out to us if they haven't heard from us. Quanta looks forward to continuing its work with local contractors and others as we prepare for this project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments. I encourage the Department of Energy and the New Hampshire Site Committee to approve this. I also have a letter for the Department of Energy.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. Stephen Tracy. I'd like to make a couple comments about the presentation tonight with the words clean and carbon. In Canada it's nowhere near clean, and it really increases the carbon issue. Flat lands up there flooded make rotten smelling swamps that flood out an entire nation of indigenous people and changed their lives forever like what would happen here. Did you enjoy your warm heating bill this winter. When you have a bug reflecting the sun, absorbing the sun, it raises the temperature of the earth where it used to be white snow, trying to reflect it back up. Now to what I was going to say. In history when my native ancestors were discovered, Turtle Island was considered a paradise even though millions of people have lived here for a very long time. In a comparatively short-term since then has been destruction. Our Mother is very ill. Her temperature is rising. She's panting with strong winds. Droughts in California, floods in the southern midwest. The radioactive waste from the Manhattan Project buried near St. Louis is now spewing out of the flooded farmlands of the midwest. Where does your food come from? Our Mother is trying to heal herself but we need to stop hurting her. Projects like Tar Sands pipeline, fracking and injecting chemo-like poisons causing seizure-like earthquakes, and the Northern Pass and many others are not helping her. Like a nursing mother on crack, like when we use GMOs and poisonous insecticide, what we put into our Mother she gives back to us. We keep getting mind-bending propaganda telling us that we need fracking, we need pipelines, we need towers. But we really don't. We could turn off a couple of lights in here and wouldn't be blinded and we wouldn't be using so much. If as much time, money and effort was put into solar and wind power as is put into the propaganda, we and our Mother and our children's futures will be better off. In history, before the Europeans came, if an important decision had to be made, our elders would gather and discuss the situation with the admonition, conduct your actions in respect for the next 7 generations. Nowadays, an overpaid Board meets with the admonition, how will this decision affect our stockholders, oh, and our jobs and pay three months from now. Greed, not love of our Mother, determines everything now. If you let this Northern Pass towers or buried happen, you will be continuing the path of destruction of our Mother in killing our children by handing them a nonlife sustaining earth. The blood of their suffering and deaths will be on your hands. Don't kill our Mother. Don't kill our future.

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Thank you for your comment.

Luke Wotton. All right. I'm here. I see you're already smirking. You may have recognized me from before, but I'm against the project in a whole, buried or overhead, because it's just really nasty. Like that guy before, he's not here anymore, but it's really gross what Hydro-Quebec has been doing up in Hydro-Quebec, all of those dams, and it's beyond me. And then let's talk about you're going to upgrade the Coos loop. Now, I have a question for you, and I called the SEC, whatever you guys are over there, and you guys kind of blew me off, but my question was if you upgrade the loop but you don't upgrade the export of the loop, you're just going to upgrade it so there's more power flowing there but then that power is not going to be even being used so you're going to go back to it's going to have too much power in it so you have to upgrade the exportation of this power, correct? Correct. So I don't know. You guys just need to grow up and like listen to the folks that are like right in front of you like saying go away, go away. And goddamn it, I'm going to take live free or die, and I'm going to fucking live by that. I'm going to live free. MR. HONIGBERG: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Wotton. Would you please clean up your language? MR. WOTTON: You've been warned.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening, Mr. Chair and members of the committee. My name is Ted Tichy. I live in Milan, New Hampshire. I'm here tonight representing the North Country Forestry, Incorporated, and the local forest industry. We currently run two log and pulpwood concentration yards in New Hampshire. One is in North Stratford and one is in Woodsville, New Hampshire. We currently employ 6 employees in New Hampshire and contract with many logging contractors which are suppliers in this state. We would like to purchase the forest products that the right-of-way cutting of the Northern Pass Project will produce. The wood that is harvested will provide many jobs, not only for the loggers, truckers and wood buyers, but for the entire forest products industry as well as supporting businesses; i.e, equipment suppliers, fuel suppliers, grocery stores. The list goes on and on. One thing above all others that would help out New Hampshire families and business would be a guaranteed rate cut. The electric rates in New Hampshire are killing our economy and our industry. This winter has been very mild. Fuel prices are the lowest they've been in years, and my wife told me the electric rates just went up again this month. There's one big reason that we have fewer sawmills in this state. Just ask the mills that we have left what their biggest operating expenses are. The reason I say guaran promises don't keep. We still, we were promised Seabrook would lower are rates. They did not. We'll still paying for that one. I am sure Eversource has a long-term agreement with Hydro-Quebec. Why not make a long-term contract with the ratepayers for a lower rate for ten years. We can make processing of wood products an industry once again in New Hampshire if our rates were reasonable. You folks on the committee can make this happen, and being one of later speakers I have a few observations that I have the benefit of doing. You know, if the people are really concerned with the environmental impacts, they would not be calling for the burial of this pipeline. The impact would be far greater on all lands, not just the wetlands. Having to dig a pipeline, a power line through a wetland, instead of going over it with lines in the air is a much, much greater impact on everything. My wife and I have ridden our horses on the VELCO line over in Vermont many, many times. The trails over there provide spectacular viewsteed is that that would otherwise not be available to the general public. They allow the Vermont Horse Council to use these trails, and we're members of that. So it is a very good recreational activity and a very good tourist industry over there using those pipelines. Thank you very much for your time.

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Thank you for your comment.

My name is Jon Wilkinson. It's actually spelled kind of funny. It's actually spelled J-O-N. I was supposed to be Jennifer 57 years ago. Didn't happen. It's all my fault. My last name is spelled W I L K I N S O N. I'm a resident of Lancaster. I'm spoken many times at these hearings over the past five years so I'm going to make mine real brief. Normally, I prepared something to say. I don't have anything prepared to say. Just want to touch on a couple of quick points. We've heard a lot about feasibility. I'd like to talk about sensibility, and that's talking to you guys, the Site Evaluation Committee. Quickly, too, I want to welcome you here to the North Country and hope you can see what is so near and dear to all of us that live here and all of the people that come here. As far as the sensibility, one of the things I'd really like you to look at and one of you kind of actually highlighted it is when you have the time, please look at the first section of the Northern Pass proposal, how it enters into the United States, and what it does. How it goes underground, above ground, underground, above ground, and kind of question yourself, I think, about what is the reason. I know the reason. It has to do with accessibility. But just looking at the direction of it, too, chicaning around, heading way to the east when it had already entered into Route 3 which it is what, a north/south corridor. It should really, really be accessed. That said, the other thing I'd like to do is, I believe it was one of you on the committee, had asked the question about comparing the project over Vermont to this one. All I want to tell you is I urge you to try to get more information beyond the source of Northern Pass because like any salesman, they want to sell you their car even though other dealerships have cars for sale that are maybe just as good and maybe even better. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee. I thank you especially for the time and attention that you've given to this docket. My name is Howard Moffett. I represent Canterbury and Loudon. I'm also among the 68 state legislators who have filed jointly a Petition to Intervene in this docket. Little before 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, I was passing through Franconia Notch on my way to the Colebrook Elementary School. As I went by Profile Lake, I looked up to the left to the spot where the Old Man used to be. I always do that when I go through the notch. The cloud cover was low but not too low. I could see where he used to be. Keeping watch over the Pemigewasset River Valley, and it reminded me of something that Daniel Webster once said. He said men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades. Shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe, jewelers a monster watch, and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth, but up in the mountains of New Hampshire, God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that there He makes men. We lost the Old Man in 2003, but he still serves as the symbol of the Granite State, and I'd like to think that he still watches. So what would he think of Northern Pass, which now proposes to hang out its own signs, two signs, up there. Two chains of steel towers, 100 feet high, strung with wires from Pittsburg to Bethlehem and from Bristol to Deerfield to show that there, high above some of New Hampshire's most valued landscapes, Northern Pass wants to transmit high voltage electric power made somewhere else for the benefit of consumers in Massachusetts and Connecticut and for the profit of Eversource shareholders. I believe I know what he would think. The first thing to be said about Northern Pass is what you heard earlier from Mr. Quinlan. It's not a reliability project. It's an economic project. It's not needed to keep the lights on. So I want to suggest that it behooves you to weigh very carefully the benefits, the alleged benefits of the project against the cost, because I think if you do that, you will find that compared to some of the alternatives, the benefits of the project end up being rather modest compared to the costs because unless the line is buried, the cost to the public, the costs to the state of New Hampshire are going to be incalculable. Mr. Chairman, I'm going to go a little over three minutes and I'm happy to come back at the end. MR. HONIGBERG: You're already over three minutes. SPEAKER: Why don't I come back at the end. MR. HONIGBERG: Thank you, Representative Moffett.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. My name is Les Otten. I'm the developer of the Balsams Resort in Dixville, New Hampshire, and a Selectman of that unincorporated town. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. Our business has received a two million dollar investment from what will become the Forward NH Fund established to help lift one of the poorest economies in the northeast. This investment was made with no strings attached. Northern Pass may make a more substantial investment in our project in the near future as their process continues. Our North Country community is suffering from decades-long job losses. Drugs have invaded our schools and communities and there has been a dramatic and continuing decline in our wood products industry. On a positive note, our communities have already embraced renewable power now for decades with hydrogeneration stations on the Androscoggin River and 33 wind towers sited along our ridgelines. These dams release water on schedules that have enhanced the recreation rafting industry. Seven of these wind towers are located on our property and do not negatively impact the viability of the \$143 million investment my company is attempting to make in its first phase of development adding an estimated 1700 long-term jobs and 600 construction jobs. I've been involved with resorts from California to Maine, including three resorts in New Hampshire, none of which have been negatively affected by transmission lines to my knowledge. Our resort will benefit from the reduced power cost we expect as bulk power buying becomes possible from the proposed DC power line. My staff has estimated that that will save our company over \$200,000 a year. We are attempting to build a green farm to table renewable reliant resort which will be favored globally as a vacation destination. It's long past the time for us to acknowledge there is no silver bullet for solving the effects of fossil fuels in our environment. Northern Pass is one positive step that will reduce our dependence on the sources of power generation that are harming our environment. Since 2008, I have been investing in clean renewable energy in New Hampshire. My company Maine Energy Systems has been the leading installer of clean renewable central heating pellet boilers and has been delivering fuel produced in Maine, New Hampshire and Canada to New Hampshire residents. Finally, my father was born in 1886. He was 63 when I was born. If my son lives as long as his grandfather, he will live until 2079. In that 193-year time span we will have consumed the vast majority of all the fossil fuels created on our planet in a 6 to 7 billion year history. Releasing that CO2 into the atmosphere is understood to have devastating effects on the ecosystem of our planet. It is also shameful for us not to make every reasonable effort to move to renewable resources like the hydropower we are discussing. I support renewable energy locally and globally, and I therefore support Northern Pass. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening, folks. My name is Landon Placey. My wife and I own an antique shop in the area, and we deal with tourists, and we haven't heard anything from any of them saying that they're opposed to power towers or windmills or solar panels that we already have in the area, and in fact, some of them use windmills as a place to go in the summertime on their tours, but the number one complaint that I get from the tourists is that we should have some cell towers up there because in the area I'm in and that's Stewartstown that we don't have any cell service. Now, I think everybody wants cell service, and if we didn't have any power or didn't have any affordable power, everybody would want power towers, but seeing as we have power now they think well, don't make any difference how much it costs, but some folks it does. We need affordable power and we need the jobs. Because I've seen a change in how many tourists that come into the area now so the jobs would certainly help that. I hope you folks on the Site Evaluation Committee will vote in favor of this plan, and the only time I hear the opposition to the plan is at these meetings. It's the same people over and over again. On the outside, the everyday people in the area, aren't opposed to this plan. Well, that's my say and thank you very much for hearing me out.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Rob Werner. I represent Ward 5 here in Concord and also chair the Concord Energy and Environment Subcommittee. Many of us know in this community that we had a subcommittee of Concord City Council work very diligently for many hours and many days and the recommendation was to bury the lines of the Northern Pass project within Concord. It was stated earlier by Mr. Quinlan that we needed to address the impact of this project on the White Mountain National Forest. Time to take a step back and to address the impacts of this project on the city of Concord which is highly significant. Some of the towers have been described as much as 120 feet, 125 feet high. Very large impact in terms of sight lines. The lines on the projects are really quite contrary to our vision of a city in terms of how we generally look at power lines, whether it be downtown Concord or, whether it be in other areas of the city, whether it be new developments where it would require lines to be buried. So what we have before us is actually a scar on our city that we highly recommend to look at other options that have less impacts, not only in the city of Concord but on our wildlife, on our forests and our other impacts of our culture and life here in New Hampshire. And Councilor Matson, my colleague who chaired the subcommittee, will talk in a bit more detail about some of these impacts.

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Thank you for your comment.

Hello, my name is Randy Perkins. I'm an employee of Eversource Energy and I've been with the company for 30 years. My current job is an account executive in which I provide services to the largest companies and businesses within the service territory covering all of northern New Hampshire. Serving these large companies, I consult on energy efficiency projects to cost-effectively lower their electric bills, respond to power quality issues, assist in construction, and offer advice on energy and many other topics. The number one concern from my customers are the high energy costs and the need to stabilize energy prices and avoiding the volatile energy prices we've been seeing in recent years. In New Hampshire, electric rates for the industrial and commercial sector are nearly double the national average. Commercial business electric rates in New Hampshire are 40 percent than the national average. These are critical issues for the future well-being of our state's businesses and industry. Electricity is a large part of the budget for business and industry including those in our New Hampshire tourist industry. For instance, ski areas use the bulk of their energy in the winter months making snow, although this year hasn't been quite so good, but they still make a lot of snow and they use a lot of electricity. Most of my ski areas see their electric bills soar from about December to February to 100 and \$250,000 per month. It is important to remember that Northern Pass will reduce yearly energy costs by approximately 80 million dollars which is roughly 5 percent off their electric bills. That may not seem like much to some of you, but keep in mind that 5 percent could represent between 5000 and \$12,500 each month for the ski industry which is very important to the New Hampshire economy. It's for these reasons that I support the Northern Pass Project. I believe it can help reduce energy prices for the state's businesses and industry that I serve every day. It's important to keeping New Hampshire businesses in New Hampshire so they don't relocate elsewhere and at the same time introducing more green power into our state and region. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment. A description of Project components in the vicinity of Deerfield are provided in Section 2.3 of the EIS, specifically under Alternatives 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 6a, and 6b. A description of Alternative 7 - Proposed Action was provided in Section 3 of the supplement to the draft EIS, and has been incorporated into the final EIS (Section 2.3.12). Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c include a converter station in Deerfield, NH (North Road Converter Station). In order to analyze a realistic range of fully underground alternatives the identification of a potential converter station site closer to the Deerfield Substation was necessary. This converter station is not included in the current Proposed Action (Alternative 7), as described in Northern Pass' latest Presidential permit application. Line reconductoring projects in the Deerfield area are not related to the Project analyzed in this EIS. AC system upgrades south of the Deerfield Substation are included in the Project (see Section 2.3 of the EIS) and are analyzed in this EIS. Chapter 5 of the EIS discusses cumulative impacts associated with the Project, that is, past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions that could, in combination with the Project, have cumulative environmental impacts (see Appendix D of the EIS). The commenter's questions regarding land purchases and sources of funds are beyond the scope of this EIS.

Jeanne Menard. Thank you for your consideration. I actually will not want to miss a single word of any of the comments here tonight. These are very special proceeding taking place here. So members of the SEC, DOE, and counsel for the public, Deerfield is in a very unique situation regarding the Northern Pass project. We're the substation at its terminus. Since the project's announcement in 2010, we have been concerned not only about the increased incoming electricity but also the distribution of it. Residents and Deerfield have wanted details regarding the right-of-way, not just as it pertains to the Northern Pass project, but the reconfiguration of our substation, the poles and the lines, as to how this would affect future projects that may impact our community. What is the buildout plan for this right-of-way and for the many right-of-ways in our town. We cannot consider Northern Pass Transmission Project as an isolated project. What is the ten-year plan, what is Eversource's ten-year plan, 20-year plan, 30-year plan. As a company, Eversource must have such a plan, and we are asking that there be a conversation about that, and this needs to be revealed to our Selectboard, our planning board and the residents of our town so that when we're evaluating the Northern Pass project, we can also evaluate the capacity for what may come in our future. Northern Pass has only answered questions about their proposed route. We have had no information from the Applicant regarding any of the alternative routes, several of which site a converter station in Deerfield. Back in 2013, Eversource bought a 38-acre parcel of land near 35 North Road in Deerfield. Why did they buy it? For the last three years, at every opportunity, I have asked for possible reasons for this purchase. As I've already mentioned, several alternatives for the Northern Pass project listed in the DOE, Draft EIS, happened to identify this same site as possible for converter station. The fact that neither Northern Pass nor Eversource will answer this question about the purchase is alarming in itself, but the possibility of a converter station in Deerfield, within a half a mile of our town center, is also alarming. The last attempt for me to get an answer to this question was a month ago, and I did receive an email back saying they're working on it. Will the answer or reason impact the orderly development of Deerfield. Who paid for this parcel? Ratepayers? There has been has been line reconductoring referred to as upgrades in Deerfield since this project's announcement. Who is paying for this? Northern Pass or New Hampshire ratepayers? Should these Eversource distribution costs be factored into the cost of the project, especially in the cost/benefit analysis. For several years Northern Pass has proclaimed the project stops in Deerfield. Why then did Northern Pass do wetlands study on an outgoing line to Scobie Pond in Londonderry. Ask any resident within a mile of the existing substation what life in their neighborhood has been like the last few years. Construction noise, lights, steady traffic. The relationship between the Hydro-Quebec's project and Eversource's upgrades is extremely murky. I'm asking the SEC for some oversight to look back and ensure that this Northern Pass project isn't pushing ahead of the local process. MR. HONIGBERG: Ms. Menard, how much more do you have? MS. MENARD: Two short paragraphs. MR. HONIGBERG: Okay. MS. MENARD: Since Eversource is a coapplicant to this project, it is my hope that the SEC process will solicit and require honest answers to questions that reflect our concerns about the long-term plans of Eversource for Deerfield. In Whitefield, Mr. Quinlan referred to Deerfield as robust. I am sure that not everyone would agree with Deerfield being characterized in this way, excepting maybe during the Deerfield Fair. So for southern New Hampshire, we are quiet, rural and extremely community oriented. The threat of loss of our landscape weighs very heavy on us and every town along the right of way. Undisturbed soil, undisturbed view. Undisturbed soil, undisturbed view. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

Martin Kaufman. I don't know about you, but I'm exhausted. K A U F M A N. First name Martin. You folks on the tour didn't make it up to where I was waiting for you on Heath Road, Bear Rock Road, Paul Hill. So I hope you get up there because what I'm about to read is really related to that area and a group of us, 43 of us, have signed a petition and submitted it to you, the Site Evaluation Committee, asking to intervene. This is not the intervention argument, but we call ourselves the Dixville Notch/Harvey Swell location, and we identify ourselves as a neighborhood. All of our 43 signatories will be able to, are able to see the Balsams Resort at Dixville Notch to their south and would be able to see the proposed Northern Pass Project of towers along the hills to the north. At least 10 of the 43 are abutters, some within the width of Heath Road and some, myself included, have easements traversing the 120-foot wide, what I prefer to as a dead zone on the proposed HVDC line. We submitted our application to be intervenors, and within literally hours after we requested the committee to accept our petition to intervene, lawyers from Northern Pass petitioned the SEC to reject or diminish our request based on various arguments. Some of us spoke with Governor Maggie Hassan in Errol a while back where we asked the following question. Since money is power, and the combined wealth of Hydro-Quebec owned by the provincial government of the Quebec and Eversource is probably greater than the wealth of the State of New Hampshire, can our elected officials really say no to this project, even if they wanted to. Governor Hassan answered that she had a great deal of confidence in this Site Evaluation Committee and would pay attention to their recommendation. Now, I like Maggie Hassan because she always makes me feel like she cares, but she is a politician. So I balance what I feel against what I think, and what I think is that Northern Pass lawyers are sharks in an ocean in which we're swimming and we really are looking to the Site Evaluation Committee for protection. By now, everybody knows or should know that the North Country is working towards becoming a vacation/hospitality industry area, and we welcome efforts like the Balsams Resort renewal project and recoil with anger and disgust at environmentally unfriendly projects like Northern Pass. Northern Pass claims that burying the line is too expensive. \$5 million a mile, they say, and going online, I found that that figure is repeatedly mentioned. While online, I also did the following. MR. HONIGBERG: Mr. Kaufman, how much more do you have? MR. KAUFMANN: Oh, not much. We'll survive. So I went online and what I looked at was the real estate value around Sunday River and a comparable distance and view of Sunday River as we see the Balsams if that project succeeds that which we all hope it will, and what the land is going for up there is 40 or \$50,000 an acre. Sounds like a lot but for a house it comes down to about 10, \$20,000. The land that you folks didn't see today on the hill, Paul Hill, Holden Hill, looks out at the ski area of the Balsams. That land is very comparable to what I saw online around Sunday River. Now, they're going to put towers on that hill. The towers traverse that hill and it's going to parallel Heath Road, the road you folks didn't get to today. If you just take a small percentage of that hill and turn it into real estate property instead of having towers, it comes out like, I did the math, it's simple. You can do it, you know? Eight or \$10 million for just -- MR. HONIGBERG: Mr. Kaufman, please bring your remarks to a close. MR. KAUFMAN: So it's more than the cost, the value then increases more than the cost of burying the line. So they may have this notion that they can't afford it, but they don't look at it in a small direct way like this. MR. HONIGBERG: Mr. Kaufman, if you want to, you have more you want to say, I'll call you up again after Mr. Abbott is done. MR. KAUFMAN: I'm going to give this to this wonderful woman would does this magical thing. MR. HONIGBERG: All right. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment. Section 4.1.13 of the final EIS (and each geographic section thereafter) evaluates potential impacts to water resources, including wetlands, streams, and vernal pools. Additional information is provided in the Water Resources Technical Report. If the project is approved, site-specific impacts would be evaluated in more detail during subsequent federal and state oversight and permitting processes. Those processes are outside the scope of this analysis.

Donald Bilodeau. I'm an abutter in Clarksville. There are 25 towers going through Clarksville for a total of 2.4 miles. Next to Wiswell Road there are two lattice towers on the south side next to each other, transition towers, and they have one tower, lattice tower again, on the north side of Wiswell Road. It appears to me as though these towers are going to be in a wetland. The remaining 22 monopoles may also cross some of the other wetlands that I have hunted and seen while hunting in that area. I don't know exactly the proposed route is actually where it is, but I don't know. The SEC today did not even stop at Route 45. At least 8 towers plus will be seen from this scenic byway from the cemetery just south of Wiswell Road where the rest area is located as well by the cemetery on the west side of this road. It would seem to me the additional cost to bury these 2.4 miles for 25 towers in wetlands and ruining the beautiful views would be worth it. Bury the entire, still better, bury the entire line in this beautiful state and connect all the dots. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment. Potential impacts in Canada from the construction and operation of electricity infrastructure, including hydropower generation and transmission in Canada, are beyond the scope of this NEPA analysis. NEPA does not require an analysis of potential environmental impacts that occur within another sovereign nation that result from actions approved by that sovereign nation. Additionally, the construction and operation of Hydro-Quebec power generation projects and electricity transmission line projects in the bulk Hydro-Quebec system will occur regardless of and independent to whether DOE issues a Presidential permit for the proposed Northern Pass Project international border crossing. For these reasons, potential environmental impacts in Canada are not addressed in this EIS. Section 1.5.4.1 of the Final EIS has been updated in response to this comment.

Pam Frizzell. I'm from Pittsburg and Colebrook. So this whole power line project is kind of like I don't like cake. I don't care if you like frosting on it, I don't care if it's chocolate, I don't care if it's white, I don't like cake. I don't like the power line. Bury it, don't bury it, lie to us, don't lie to us, we don't want it. We don't want cake. We don't want your power line. We hear about the current high cost of electricity. Who sets those rates? Who is responsible for our current high cost of electricity. It's these folks. The Balsams, we've heard people refer to how wonderful that is. We'll see how that pans out at the end the night after their testimony. I agree with the woman from Sugar Hill. She spoke very well. Years ago we heard almost the same arguments for the gas pipeline and what has that economically put impact been. It hasn't been positive. Another woman questioned earlier what the taxes will be. We know what they'll be. They'll try and negotiate the hell out of them, it will be down. Talk about reduced emissions in New England. What about the environmental impact in Canada. Does anybody even care? The jobs, New Hampshire First? Have you checked out the unemployment rate? It's pretty low. Where are you going to get the workers. Would any of you buy a property that abutted this proposed power line. We hear you talking about I-93 you can't go to the lanes or on to the side because of the environmental impact. What about the environmental impact up here? Is that different? Is 93 more special? And I think it's interesting earlier that Harry Brown referred to bullying and in appropriate actions at previous meeting. Apparently, he doesn't apply the same standings to his postings on line that he does to the people that attend these meetings. I'm asking you to oppose the Northern Pass. Period. We don't want it buried, we don't want it overhead. We want it to go away. We want these people to go away. We want never to have this conversation again. Thank you.

Thank you very much, Chairman and Panel. My last name is Dzijna. I'm a City Councilor in Franklin, and I concur with what Senator Hosmer has said. He hit the nail on the head so I'm not going to go on about all the benefits. I guess the biggest thing that I just wanted to, statement I wanted to make is back in January when we had the meeting in Franklin, somebody said oh, I don't blame Franklin for taking the money and running, but that's not what it's about. It's not taking the money and running. It's taking the money and doing something with our city. We're in the process of revitalization and I know, being a City Councilor for the last four years, I know some of the challenges that we had with our budget from the challenges from the state downshifting to us, and where else can we find some money to do the projects that we're doing for our revitalization and for our mill districts. And thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

Julie Moran. Thank you. I want to thank Senator Shaheen for calling you up here. Shame on you for not coming up here in the first place. This is the first place that the SEC should have had hearings because we are the most affected. I'll read my testimony. So time to be real. Since well before the initial announcement of Northern Pass and throughout its permitting process the New Hampshire officials, regulators, governors, legislators have allowed the rape of our citizens and our land by the Northern Pass. It's time to take the process and the people seriously and stop the proposed rape of our pristine state and its people by a foreign country and its private business. There's absolutely enough evidence for the governor, the legislature, and with DOE and SEC, to stop this assault that will continue to assault us every second of every minute of every hour and every day of every year for the rest of our lives. We will have to live with this. It's shameful enough that a foreign country has mated with our own energy company to assault us, but for the past five years our governing bodies have failed us causing great exacerbation of our poverty, loss of our business, property values, house sales, and time and energy that you call us to come to these meetings year after year after year to fight this again. I don't even like the color orange. Please hear us. Please hear us. The last governors have both failed to protect us from this impending assault. Our senators and legislators have tried, but they haven't stopped the assault. We've asked for burial. We've asked for you to go away. All we get is more meetings to say the same exact thing or we're balanced. But it's not true. It's not balanced. The SEC and DOE are basically the only ones left that can save us from this assault. The process has included far too many back door sessions, incomplete applications, the site tour that was hastily put together on a snowy day when visibility was low on a road that is not even open in the winter. I'm sorry you got stuck, but we could have told you you would be stuck if you asked us. This whole process has put our lives on hold, waiting for the rape to occur. That's the reality. And I'm sorry I have to use that word. I didn't write that, but I apologize now. We can't continue to live like this, and please don't continue to put us through it. Our complaints have been laughed at and scorned. Would you laugh at the rape of your sons and daughters? Of course not. If that's the case, then the SEC and DOE must stop the towers here and now. Whoever has the power to stop this, and doesn't stop it, is going to have blood on their hands every second every minute of every day. Ours. It's got to be stopped. Therefore, I hope you will make the right decision and deny Northern Pass its plan to dissect New Hampshire with it towers so that you'll have clean hands and a healthy heart for the rest of your lives. Please, tell Northern Pass to bury the line completely. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Let me introduce myself. I'm Harley Mason. I'm from the town of Milan, and I own and operate Mason Enterprises which is an excavating and trucking company. We build roads, subdivisions, complete site work for homes and businesses. We also process and sell gravel. We support the Northern Pass as this is a project much needed in Coos County creating around 300 jobs and bringing in millions of dollars for the workers, all the small businesses and giving the economy a big boost. We were involved with the Portland natural gas pipeline which came through Coos County in 2000, 2001, as we supplied gravel, sand and trucks. This project put many people to work and brought thousands of dollars to the small towns of Coos County which was great. Next came the windmills on Dixville Peaks, Kelsey, Owls Head, Blue Mountain. A total of 33 towers were installed. Our construction crew doubled in size and we worked 12 to 14 hours a day. Seven days a week we trucked gravel, stone and burial sand up into the mountain. We produced and delivered a total of 54,000 yards of material to the top of those mountains. This project had a couple hundred people working, again, bringing millions of dollars into the area for local businesses. This was a great project for Coos County, great project for the workers and our economy. The Northern Pass is a much larger project which will take 2 to 3 years to complete with around 300 workers. We are very lucky to have this great project and should be overwhelmed to have the work and large amounts of money that will be put into our community. We are ready to challenge this project. We the workers and the contractors of Coos County have the knowledge and ability to start and complete the Northern Pass. We have the ability and knowledge to do it in a professional and safe manner. We will do this project and do it successfully as a team. I encourage the SEC to approve this project. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Hello. My name is Ellen Schaffer, and I'm a resident of Concord. I am speaking tonight as a citizen of New Hampshire and more specifically of Concord. I do not want the Northern Pass at all, but because our neighbors in the south need more electricity, I'm willing to support a compromise as long as it is not at the expense of destroying the beauty and tranquility of our beautiful state and its capital city. This is what will happen if the line goes above ground or through the right-of-way. The destruction of so many trees and the humming of the lines will ruin the surrounding areas, especially in Concord which has the most new towers of any area. Seventy-seven new towers are scheduled to be built in Concord, destroying farmland, Turtle Pond, and passing way too close to homes. For this reason, it must be buried along roads and not in the right-of-way. When I heard Bill Quinlan's comment that he wasn't hearing much opposition from people in central and southern New Hampshire, I contacted my neighbor, Sue Woodard, and who had a sign saying Stop Northern Pass in her yard, and we started the following Petition which states: support burying the Northern Pass Transmission lines through the entire state but especially through Concord where they will be in close proximity to many homes. We have gathered 1102 signatures on this Petition and I have to say we only had maybe 2 or 3 dozen people in Concord that would not sign it in all the people we spoke to. So I would like to have this entered into the record. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight. My name is Les Otten. I own a renewable energy company and I've been doing business in New Hampshire since 2008, wood pellet industry. I've long supported replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy. In fact, that's what my company has been doing and we're a leader in the state. We deliver efficient wood pellet boilers and heating systems so residents and businesses can stop burning oil and propane. I'm also for jobs and growing the North Country economy. I spent the last two and a half years creating a plan for the Balsams Resort that you've heard about tonight that could lift the entire region, if successful. The fulfillment of that plan is my first responsibility. I also believe that climate change is real. It's our responsibility to mitigate the most potentially damaging activity that man has inflicted on our planet, but this is again also about jobs and the economy. In Dixville, in particular, was where manufacturing, power and tourism thrived for decades. Power has been a central component of the North Country's history. People resist change and they fear the unknown. Many times in my life, I have resisted change and feared it as well so I understand. We have currently a Hydro-Quebec line that is taller than the proposed Northern Pass line which was built in 1986. That line runs directly through major tourism areas without negative impacts. And 33 wind towers were built on the mountain ridges above Dixville, and depending on your perspective and where you are at night, you can see blinking red lights on over 100 spaces on the hilltops over the State of New Hampshire. To some of us, those represent progress. They represent clean energy, and we like to see them. So often vision is in the eye of the beholder. From a lifetime of developing resorts in New Hampshire, California and Maine, I've never seen tourism negatively affected by low cost renewable energy and the systems derived and built to create them. Views are important. The North Country is also facing serious social and economic issues. The highest unemployment rating is in the North Country of New Hampshire. It's caused our young workers to leave. Our high school graduates can't find professions. We've invested significant dollars in our community only to watch these great assets leave because there are no jobs. We have a drug addiction epidemic in all of the northeast and especially in the rural communities in New Hampshire that many of us don't recognize, but it's there. Northern Pass while not loved, clearly, has created a Forward New Hampshire fund that has invested \$2 million in the project at the Balsams without strings. We're discussing a potential increased investment with them as the Pass progresses. This will help us fulfill our commitment of restoring the Balsams Resort and revitalizing the North Country's economy. When we reopen with Phase 1, and at its completion, we will employ 1700 people. 600 people will be used over the next ten years in construction. We will also save significantly in our annual energy cost. Those costs are something that a businessman really needs to pay attention to. The price that we're currently paying for power is the highest in the nature and in the continental United States. The possibility of keeping those costs in line and of stopping pollution of our land, our water, our air with hydrocarbons that are being put there from fossil fuels is an important part of our future and may well be the key to preserving our lakes, trees, our ground that we grow our food with. Northern Pass is helping the North Country in a very significant way. Approving the project will bring more investment to our region. The fund for the future is real. It's \$200 million that's going to be spent in the North Country. That is a significant investment and commitment. In closing, let me say that let there be no doubt that I favor the rebirth of the North Country, and I favor Northern Pass and the opportunities it will create. I hope these opportunities will endure for the next century. I thank you for your time.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. My name is Jeff Stevens, and I am a construction manager working on the Balsams renovation. I live in Dixville and have built large resort projects all over the world. Infrastructure is a necessary component of all development projects, and the Balsams project is no exception. In fact, there are many good aspects to the Balsams project and the Northern Pass including the fact that they will use clean renewable hydroelectric power and will help Coos County to grow rather than shrink. Exactly 30 years ago I helped to build the Pontook Hydroelectric Project in Dummer, and that has been a boon to Coos County and New Hampshire in terms of its economic, environmental and recreational opportunities with minimized visual impact from the infrastructure and transmission lines. I look forward to doing the same with the Balsams redevelopment. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Andy Pearson. I have been connected to the Balsams property for the majority of my life and have worked at the resort for upwards of 27 years. During this time, I've worked for different owners and several management companies, each of whom brought varying degrees of change, both to the resort's operation as well as the staff and guests. The biggest change and the one with the most impact still to this day was the decision in the fall of 2011 by our then owner, Tillotson Corporation, to close the resort. Now I'd like to speak briefly about opportunities. Specifically, the opportunities that I've witnessed as countless students all from surrounding communities have experienced working at the resort during their high school and often college years. For decades our local youth have had the privilege of having a wide range of employment options allowing them to acquire skill sets, work alongside others from different parts of the world and recreate at the resort throughout the seasons. This unique opportunity was in their backyard, and for many had the enormous positive impact on their lives. On more than one occasion I received a copy of college papers written by past employees of the resort on their experience and the importance of that experience during that time in their life. We are now coming to the end of our fifth winter season at the Balsams and the Balsams remains closed. To my point, that represents five graduating classes or half a decade of kids who did not get to experience those types of opportunities. This is a real concern of mine. I have a 13-year-old who wonders what her future will look like over the next 8 or 9 years. We're very close to realizing the tremendous opportunities that the rebirth of the resort will bring area wide, the opportunity to share in Forward New Hampshire fund to allow especially our local kids the chance to participate in and experience the many attributes and skills that will come with such employment options is a future that I've looked forward to. There is a quote that used to hang in most offices at the resort, it came about from talking to employees about their feelings working at the Balsams, not management. It read, the Balsams is your highest priority. By serving its interests first and for the long-term, you and its guests, staff and community will all benefit the most.

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Thank you for your comment.

Hello. My name is June Coulombe, and I live in Clarksville, New Hampshire, and I understand that they really want this power line to go through. A lot of the loggers are desperate for work, but guess what, guys. Don't put your hopes up on logging. You remember when the mill closed down in Berlin, New Hampshire, and a bunch of guys lost their jobs? Well, the government is thinking of putting a moratorium on all wood cutting because of the environmental impacts of clearcutting and all the flooding down, you know, lower parts of the states because of the environment being changed. Not because just global warming but El Nino and all kinds of other calamities. So there's a good possibility that they're going to stop everybody from cutting wood so don't get your hopes up on that. Find some other line of work. Maybe you can get hired replanting trees. So that is a possibility for jobs. And I'm sick and tired of seeing old growth trees get cut down. 2 or 300-year-old beautiful maples that they cut recently in the town of Stewartstown and other places for clearing for the power line. I asked last year at the Whitefield meeting at the resort that they don't cut any more trees out of old growth and beauty for scenic purposes, and it's like, go ahead and cut all the trees because they did just the total of opposite of what I asked, and that's Eversource that cannot be trusted. It will tell you one thing and do the other. So if you're going to deal with these people, get it all on paper and have lawyers because I have proven time and time again they cannot be trusted. That's why I want to put an application in to be on the site committee and as an intervenor, I would like to intervene. I know it's late, too late maybe, but they should give an extension of time because they did for everything else. So why not give people in towns that don't have an intervenor a chance to intervene, and my husband recently passed away so I'm a little up tight right now and I can't speak well, and I think that this project, you know, made him weak. He was worried about, you know, his property and stuff, and it just killed him. He just couldn't take anymore. Five years of this. Come on. I think maybe Donald Trump said the wrong border that he should be closing off if he becomes president. Maybe he should close the border of New Hampshire and Canada on this line of the line. If they have no respect for us in New Hampshire, and they can't talk to us in a decent manner, they won't, you know, allow us to speak to them at meetings. They cut us short. They don't listen to our ideas, our feelings, how can we work with them. How can they be trusted. I mean, I used to like Canada. My grandparents came from Canada. They were good farm families, but the government doesn't listen to its people either. Look what they did to the natives that lost all their native lands, just to put in these dams that they dammed up all the rivers and, you know, the people had no place to go. So they became very displaced. That's what causes friction. Geez, folks, you think I'm going to stay in New Hampshire if those power lines go up? No, sir. I'm going where the grass is green and the trees are tall. And one more thing. I have to say that you should try to work with the people. If you can't do that, pack up and go home because the border is going to be closed and I'll make sure of it. I'm make sure that the right people get into politics and I'm not taking about Donald Trump either. There's other people that are environmentalists and they will become president. I'm assured of that. I'm not saying names at this time, but I'll make sure that they get into office, and I'll make sure that they put Canada on its side of the line because there's ways and means of doing these things if you will not cooperate with us. We're sick and tired of it. So I mean, either I'm going to be an intervenor or I'm going to become your worse nightmare, and, believe me, I can do it. So have a good day.

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Thank you for your comment.

David Chappell. I want to thank you for coming. I would not be able to, if I were you, I would not be able to live with myself if I made a decision without seeing the whole route so I would take the time tomorrow to do that. How about Boy Scouts are in here that have learned leave no trace. Not many. I suggest also you look at Boy Scout handbook and see what it is because Boy Scouts are taught to leave no trace, and if this was true with these towers, imagine what it would do to our young people that are taught that. I live in Clarksville, I'm David Chappell. In my town, at least 17 pieces of property were bought by affiliates of Northern Pass, and three of those properties were over \$10 million which would lay the line all the way through the town of Clarksville was spent on all of these properties. Seems like they came in, just bought and bought and bought and they bought the route, couldn't go through so they backed up and bought by the cemetery and route 145. There were some people there that balked. Don was one and couple of other, three other of his neighbors that wouldn't sell to them so they just backed and bought another piece. When Northern Pass first came in, they came to our town halls to meet with the Selectmen, and when people got wind of it, our Town Hall in Clarksville was packed with people. I went to the Pittsburg meeting and the Town Office was packed with people. But Northern Pass would have got along a lot better if they hadn't come in and be so underhanded. They tried to put things over on people that woke up quick, and all it takes is one and boy, it doesn't take long to spread the word. I'm fifth generation in my family. I live on the Pittsburg side of the hill which is about a mile from where the Northern Pass bought a piece of property next to the cemetery, and I have a good, pretty close to a quarter of that cemetery is my family that had lived here previously. When I talk to, one of the Northern Pass meetings and I talked to them and I said how much area, how big a swath do you have to have to lay the line, and he said 30 feet. And at that time, 150 feet to have the towers. Now, it's five times the width that has to be disturbed. A 30-foot swath is not a lot, like a road, but I had a good friend who told me that he went up where the windmills are up by the Balsams and he said there was a disgrace to the roads up there that they built where he used to hunt. He says it used to be old wild land and they built these roads and cleaned the property right up off. Also, the towns, I believe they said was 20 towns in the area that voted for Northern Pass not to go through their towns and that would be another consideration. I know Mr. Samson was the one that brought that up, and I want to thank you for your time and hopefully really do think a lot of thought in your decision you make and know that you have to live with it over the years. What you do can hurt people in the area. Thank you.

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Comment: Count the rest of us New Englanders who visit often in the assessment of Northern Pass - ain't no good reason not to just buy the whole line! New England is a tiny region compared to big states, so from Southern New England - as well as eco-tourists and recreational users- count to. Just do what is right and has been done elsewhere - bury the Northern Pass line. Peggy Lareau

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you for visiting with us again, Mr. Mills. You must really like it, but you're getting to see it before the towers are built. What will you think of it when they are built. I'm Cindy-Lou Amey. Wanted to thank you for hearing the questions and comments coming to you and at you from both sides of this very divisive issue. There's a particular concern troubling me. While well educated, I know that I'm not an expert in the field of energy. In our state, it is the office of the Site Evaluation Committee that will weigh in on this application submitted by Northern Pass LLC. As yours is the body charged with proving or disapproving this application, I wish to inform myself as to the process. Therefore, I spent considerable time on the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee website. There, I discovered that you are have quite onerous responsibility. Under the section Title XII, the terms public safety and welfare is in bold print. While reading this material it became obvious that your committee must rely on the Applicant and a host of experts to provide you with unbiased, detailed technical information which you must sift through and analyze in order to come up with a fair and equitable response to your application. This is to be done all the while ensuring that you have kept faith with delivering on your obligation to ensure that the public is kept safe and their welfare secured. What failsafe mechanisms are in place to guard against your lack of expertise in ascertaining the truthfulness of the information presented to you. I mean no disrespect in asking that question. It's just that when entities as large as Eversource and Hydro-Quebec put together a business plan such as Northern Pass which promises shareholders an unusually robust return on their investment, how can you be certain that they haven't skewed the information provided to us in order to help you feel confident that a finding in favor of their application is a sound decision. Sound decisions can only be made from sound information. My concern is that you will not even be able to recognize whether or not you're being manipulated. I respectfully submit that we depend upon you to sincerely fulfill the duties of the position you hold in this process. It is my hope that after all is said and done, you are able to find that this project, if it must be built in New Hampshire, is required to be built along state byways with an equitable payment schedule to the State of New Hampshire which cannot be set aside. I really appreciate that you've come this far, and I hope tomorrow's tour brings you further good information. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. My name is Tom Colgan. I work for Wagner Forest Management, a company based in Lyme, New Hampshire, with an office in Errol, New Hampshire. Wagner Forest Management owns and operates 100,000 acres or more of working forest in Coos County, much of which was depicted upon an earlier slide this evening that Mr. Quinlan showed of where the proposed route of the project would go through the Northern Pass. We employ many local residents who harvest a sustainable supply of raw materials used in wood businesses based in northern New Hampshire. I'm here tonight in support of the Northern Pass project. Twenty-four miles of the proposed route will be over our land. When we were first approached by the Northern Pass folks about a right-of-way over our land, we spent an enormous amount of time talking to them, working with them, using our firsthand local knowledge of the property to ensure that it was going to cross our land in the most environmentally friendly way possible. That location you see on the map is where we wanted it as much as and more so than where Northern Pass wanted it. You've heard and will continue to hear many people espousing the importance of and necessity to bury the entire line through the entire 192 section miles of the proposed project. Our 24-mile section is proposed to be above ground, and that's exactly where we want it. In a working forest, you want to be able to see the obstacles that might be in your way. I can see a power line above the ground. I can't see one buried. With all the skidders, the harvesters, trucks, bulldozers, the excavators that work every day, that's the last thing I want to do is be worried about any issues that occur with the equipment that we use. And for the comments that it's an incalculable, I think, quote of disturbance of the aesthetics of the property, it's a perfectly compatible use with a working forest. It's compatible with all the recreational uses that go on on our land, and it's a privilege that we offer the local public. Our company believes that climate change is real, and we do more than just believe the talk about it. We walk the talk. We have been a developer of a wind project and we still manage a wind project in Maine. We're been an investor in Granite Reliable project in northern New Hampshire. We used to be a part-owner of the largest wood pellet business based in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, New England Wood Pellets. So we walk the talk. And when I look at this project, it will bring renewable energy. Baseload hydropower. We also have solar panels on our property, on our office, that we put up with our own money, and I can tell you if I had to live with only the power it generated every day I would be cold and dark, and my computer would not work. It's as simple as that. It's a laudable cause, but it's not always the answer. It's part of the big choices that one should have. In closing, I'd like to say in this day and age when nearly every societal issue comes up it seems to be so partisan and polarizing, I'm grateful that the state legislature years ago set up the SEC to be a thoughtful arbiter of large projects like Northern Pass. There's always going to be impacts, there's always going to be many different opinions on what it should be, but I want to thank you for making the personal and professional commitment shepherding this process to a decision that is in the best interests of the people and the policies of the state.

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Thank you for your comment.

Mr. Chairman, my name is Dick Swett, and I want to thank you for holding these hearings and also for your attention this evening. As an architect and renewable energy developer from way long before the talk of polar ice caps melting or global climate change were even mentioned, and as a former member of Congress who served on the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and on the Science and Technology Committee and as a member of the New Hampshire Clean Tech Council, I have always been interested in the intersection of design aesthetics, power production, environmental protection and economic profitability. My work today continues to combine these four components in what I hope are balanced and practical, yet beautiful, solutions. The Northern Pass is a challenging project to consider when these requirements are applied to it. Yet I believe that there is a way to balance all and do that in harmony. This project will be a long enduring source of power for many years to come, and for that reason we should take the long view and make sure that it over time does nothing to diminish the aesthetics of our beautiful state. That long timeline also enables us to recoup its profits and to spread out the costs over time as well. For these reasons I rise to contribute my voice to these who would like to see the line buried for the entire distance through the North Country. The economics have been proven, feasible in our neighboring states of Vermont and Maine. Burying the line would lead our wilderness a pristine wilderness without the imposition of horrendously ugly towers cutting across the landscape and would minimize the environmental impact. Over time, perhaps a little longer than has originally been planned, revenue would be recouped and profits would not diminish to unacceptable levels. At the same time, I believe that the developers should show a commitment to New Hampshire's ability to self-generate power, renewable power in the North Country, and provide a way to help it get to market in the southern tier of the state. I know there is talk of Northern Pass providing economic support for the upgrade of the Coos loop which would enable the green power produced in the North Country to make its way south. I encourage the commitment of support to be realized and for the sake of our local economy and our commitment to our natural habitat. It is a small price to pay that will enable our great State of New Hampshire to self-generate power using its own resources. This will make us less reliant on energy from over our border. It will enable us to produce a greater economic churn from every dollar spent on energy that is spent within our state borders, in some cases generating economic activity over six times its original value. The New Hampshire Clean Tech Market report dated in February of 2015 states on page 15 that, quote, if New Hampshire could achieve the kind of relatively more efficient relationship between total energy expenditures and the economic activity as Massachusetts, which happens to be one of the leaders in New England and in the nation in clean tech, then New Hampshire citizens and businesses would have spent \$2 billion less on energy in 2012 for the same level of economic output, and where would that \$2 billion have gone? Mostly back into the state's economy in other areas, boosting producers of other goods and services and incentivizing job creation, end quote. MR. HONIGBERG: Mr. Swett. How much more do you have? MR. SWETT: Fifteen seconds. Northern Pass can help make this happen through support of that upgrade of the Coos loop. In conclusion, let me say that the beauty of our natural environment is central to our economic well-being as we share it with all who come to visit our beautiful state. We need to protect our environment and at the same time allow for utilization of our natural resources for the generation of power that creates more than light in the night. It creates employment for the many more people, far more people than will be employed by Northern Pass long after it's been built. The balancing of these points will allow profits to be realized by all parties concerned, the economy will be strengthened, and the future of our state will remain bright. I encourage the burial of the Northern Pass line and the upgrade of the Coos loop for these reasons. Thank you very much.

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Subject: Northern Pass Concerns

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Northern Pass project as proposed. My husband and I are property owners in the town of Stark NH where we have owned a summer home since 1991. Although it is a 3 1/2 hour drive from our home in Massachusetts, we chose this area for the beautiful views, wilderness, wildlife, and lack of development. I was horrified to see that the proposed route would bring these enormous, ugly, imposing towers along scenic route 110. Anyone involved in deciding the outcome of this project should be required to take a drive along this route to envision the terrible impact these towers would have on the area. They would drive along the beautiful Upper Ammonusuc River, through the quaint town of Stark with its historic covered bridge and steeped church, and the awesome, imposing Percy peaks in the background. I believe this route is considered a scenic by-way; the lovely vistas and views would be decimated and overwhelmed by the proposed looming towers.

Already the wind towers in Millsfield and Dummer along the scenic Androscoggin River have marred the landscape and erased the sense of pure wilderness and beauty the area used to have. This area is home to nesting osprey and bald eagles as well as many other wildlife such as deer, moose and bear.

Unfortunately it seems that more and more, big corporations and developers are seeing this pristine area as "expendable".

There is a depressed economy in this region and I fear that tourism, which is one of the only remaining bright spots, will be decimated.

I urge you to say "NO" to the Northern Pass project as proposed. The second option which is to bury the entire line would be a better alternative but also very disruptive to the area.

Please don't let them shove this disaster down our throats just because they consider us (and this beautiful area) not important enough to be heard.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Concerned property owners

Carol and Brian Sullivan

Stark NH and Billerica MA

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Committee members, my name is Susan Percy. I'm going to make this very easy for you. You have a great job in front of you. Hard work. I encourage you to either deny the project as it's presented or insist that the line be buried. My testimony is included. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you. I'm Frederick Fitts, a property owner in Whitefield, and I teach courses in environmental history. My ancestors showed up in New Hampshire in the 1600s and now responsibility for the land is on our watch just as it was earlier on theirs. So I speak with some reference for tradition. The decisions that you make here will have a huge impact on the legacy that you bestow to our state. Think well on it. Nothing is lost by taking time to reflect on the degradation of a transformed landscape. When you walk out of here tonight, when you meet to make siting decisions, you will see and feel the power provided by electricity. We use it, we need it, we appreciate its advantages as it lights our world, and you may also turn out those lights at times, perhaps when you read your child a bedtime story. I'd recommend The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. All across this state, thousands of citizens are dependent on the power this company provides, but what my neighbors and I in the North Country resist is the transformed power of the landscape you have the power to prevent. The issue here is not about jobs, not about individual rights to the land or corporate rights to provide services, nor about individual preferences. The one issue in front of you is your responsibility to our common birthright. An environment preserved from selfish and greedy assault and scarred by corporate muscle. The lands around our community, the vistas we see are not the provenance of the powerful and the wealthy and the greedy. The scar that enormous towers represent stands as emblematic of a willingness to give privilege to profit over preservation. To prioritize speedy development over assured safety and to declare that all progress is good progress. So I rise here and ask that you embrace the precautionary principle and oppose a project whose electromagnetic health risks are yet unknown, and I rise here to ask that you reject the project whose negative transformation to the environment is known and would be visible to every community as long as steel shall stand against sky. I am asking you to stand against these towers. Bury them if this project is, in your judgment, essential, but deny the right to degrade our state. You will leave a legacy to your children and to my children and to the children of power company executives. You will decide if enormous towers that can be buried are worth degrading our communities. I am asking that you not allow this company's proposed scar to be tattooed onto our common landscape. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. Thank you. My name is Bob Clay. I'm a businessman, former senator, and I'm here tonight speaking on behalf of the Small Business and Small Industry Association in New Hampshire. One of our biggest issues facing small businesses is the cost of electricity. New Hampshire pays on the average 50 percent more for electricity than other regions of the country, mainly due to our lack of an adequate supply. This is a make or break issue for my members, many of whom are the Mom and Pop's operations that still drive a big piece of New Hampshire economy. When I look at a project like Northern Pass offering clean hydropower from Canada, with most of it constructed underground or in existing right-of-ways and driving down energy costs to consumers and businesses, to me it's a no-brainer. New Hampshire should be doing everything it can to move the project forward. As I look around the room and as I've looked at other places that I've testified, I see the loudest opponents of the project are group likes New England Power Generators, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Forest Society, groups that seem to make the most noise but certainly don't represent my interests, the interests of my members or majority of the New Hampshire people who support this project. The power generators have an interest in providing power at the highest price possible because that's what their supporters and their company is expected to do. Groups like AMC and the Forest Society, which neither provide many jobs where I come from in the southern tier, still consider that under no circumstances should this project go through unless its lines are buried because of the views. I'd like to remind everybody that the North Country valiantly fought that the views were worth anything. In the statewide property tax they demanded that they not be included in the assessment because they had no real value. So today to listen that suddenly their view has a value is surprising to me and maybe it's time that we revalued them for the statewide property tax. We all know that burial of the lines is meant to do nothing more than stop the project. It's not economically feasible and it will shut it down. But I can tell if we don't provide more power, then we won't have any more jobs. I also partner in a business that provides an awful lot of commercial and industrial space. When we lost Seabrook nuclear power plant in 1999, we lost a lot of companies that were going to move in. Right now we're starting to lose businesses who provide jobs because they can no longer afford the cost of electricity. If we don't allow the hydropower to come in, and we continue to make gas the major source, we will soon be a state with no jobs, not even the service industry jobs. Thank you very much.

Okay. It's Welch, W E L C H. First name Don. In the spirit of town meeting here in New Hampshire, I was going to call the vote, but I get this isn't the meeting for that so I'll move on with my remarks. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm a resident of Bow. I'm a native of New Hampshire. I'm also very fortunate to serve as the President of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, 20 minutes from here. Global is a 127-year-old family business, been in New Hampshire since the early 1900s and we employ about 300 folks here in New Hampshire. We also have smaller plants in Maine and Oklahoma. We're fortunate to have a wonderful, wonderful workforce in Pittsfield, but we're in a very competitive business. As I said, we're selling fire suits so from small municipalities that we are very proud of like in the North Country to very large cities like Washington, DC, Atlanta, Dallas, you name them, and it's a competitive business. Costs are important to us. We're the largest employer in the Pittsfield area. As you probably know, Pittsfield is a region with a long and very proud history of manufacturing, but it's seen that manufacturing base crumble dramatically in the past few decades. We're the largest employer as I mentioned by far and we have great benefits and very good pay to our employees. We're an important cog in the local economy. As a manufacturer, rely on power for almost everything that we do. Electricity. When we start up the machines in the morning to cut the high tech fabrics that go into the garments we make, they're powered by electricity. The sewing machines that join the panels are powered by electricity. Even our customer service people who are communicating with our customers are doing it our computer terminals and need electricity. So one of our basic needs is low cost reliability power. It's simple, right? I can't run my operation without those things. As we all know, electric costs in New Hampshire are among the highest in the country. As I compare my costs in New Hampshire to my plant in Oklahoma, my costs are about double what they are in Oklahoma. So we have other issues in New Hampshire. It's not just about electric power, and I understand that. Labor costs are lower in other markets. Housing costs are lower, medical costs are lower, but electricity is a big part of it as the gentleman before me noted, and I hear this from other manufacturers so I'm not necessarily a small business or manufacturing business, I communicate with other manufacturing companies. They struggle with many of the same issues about as I want to grow and make my business better, do I do it in New Hampshire or do I look to other places in the country. The challenge is, you know, we in this room think ah, people aren't going to leave. We have options, and, you know, I'm not threatening, but businesses have to make those choices. The bottom line is we've got to find ways to lower electricity costs. If we want to continue to see businesses grow and thrive in New Hampshire, which I think is important to our economy, then we need to address the energy crisis. I think the Northern Pass project will bring reliable, lower cost energy to New Hampshire which will begin to address our region's economic competitiveness. I don't believe Northern Pass is the end-all solution. I understand we need other energy development projects. I'm in support of all those, whether it's natural gas pipelines, solar energy development, wind farms, and I fully support energy conservation. I know businesses, many, myself included, are doing a lot of work in that area because it makes economic sense, but I believe in the future we're going to need the additional power that Northern Pass will generate. I think it's a wonderful opportunity, and I don't want to see us let it slip by. One other point. The scenic vistas. As a New Hampshire native, as I mentioned, I spent a lot of time in the North Country since I was a little boy camping, hiking, snowmobiling, in the winter skiing, I enjoy the North Country and I enjoy our whole state so I appreciate your concerns about scenic vistas, but I also have to balance those with the economics. I think the Northern Pass folks have done a good job addressing the key scenic vista areas, and I recognize that others have concerns about this, but most of the lines near as I can tell are in existing right-of-ways, under roadways, et cetera, so I think we just need to be able to look forward

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without increasing the costs that we're all going to pay. MR. HONIGBERG: Mr. Welch, can you bring it to a close, please? MR. WELCH: Yes. In closing, as a long-term manufacturer and large employer in the state, I want to voice my support for the project. Manufacturing companies in the region need lower cost, reliable power. I think approval for the Northern Pass project is important to move us toward this goal. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

MR. HONIGBERG: I will note for the record that many years ago, more than ten years ago, I did legal work for one of Mr. Rubin's enterprises. MR. RUBIN: Thank you, members of the Committee. This is amazing testimony to civil society in America that an issue that has been tense and divisive for this long can result in the civilized comments on both sides here, but it's no secret that American faith and confidence in our governing institutions has reached a historic low, and there is basis for this, and here, there is a lack of confidence in this process, the SEC and the DOE process here. People feel that this process is slanted in favor of the Applicant, and there is basis for that, and I'll just give you two examples for the basis for the sensation that this is a slanted process which has a known outcome or predictable outcome. Number one, the Applicant has testified this evening that they have requested use, quote unquote, requested use for a portion of the land on which the project is to be built. They don't control that then. They've testified as such this evening. I'm a real estate developer and if I had gone before a Planning Board with a project and I were to build a shopping mall as I have in the past and I would say I requested use of the land in your town over which you have oversight to build this project, the project would never have even received a hearing. So that's problem number one. They don't control the land, and, therefore, you should delay this entire process until the Applicant proves to you that they own or control the land. Item number 2, that is a very substantial basis for the perception this is a slanted process. You hear claims that this will save money. And there are numbers associated with these claims as to the amount of money that will be saved, and yet we also hear that there is no business relationship with numbers attached. The Power Purchase Agreement has either not been disclosed or does not exist. However, these numbers that are a basis for the projected savings must by definition be predicated on the at least assumptions as to the power purchase price and the prevailing price of electricity otherwise without the project. Let's see those numbers. Again, a basis for the lack of public confidence in this process. And there's reasonable basis for not trusting the Applicant. This applicant projected to us that their Merrimack station, their Bow power plant conversion with the scrubber was going to a big savings, and the cost would be X. The cost turned out to be 2X, and the ratepayers got stuck with that added cost. So, again, there's a basis for lack of confidence in the process. So an idea, a solution idea. Obviously, people would much more readily accept this project if it were entirely buried. The incremental cost for that burial could be paid for, this is just an idea, creative idea, the Applicant could voluntary go to FERC and say we will take a market rate of return, a risk appropriate market rate of return on the project, and that would compensate for all or a good deal of the incremental cost of burying the power line. What would be a market rate for the appropriate risk associated with this? Because it's a guaranteed return? 6 or 7 percent. Not 11.07. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

My name is Joe Casey I'm the international representative for the IBEW, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Lifelong resident of the State of New Hampshire. And you know I, too, love the beauty and everything about everything that New Hampshire has, and that's why I've decided to spend my life here and raise my family here. But there's also the issue, and I come from a blue collar family, and people have to make a living to work and reside in this state, and I look at, I have a 21-year-old daughter that's a senior at UNH, and the other day on the front page of our newspaper were a couple of friends that she went to high school with that had been arrested in a heroin sting in our town, and these were good kids. These were good kids, good, they were at my house all the time. I asked my daughter what happened, what's going on with them. And she told me that they've given up. In passing, she said that they've given up and walked off. There is not a heck of a lot of opportunity, I can tell you that right now, and we also have to look at our children and the opportunities that we're providing for them. There's no debate that we have a flight of kids that are leaving the state to find employment elsewhere. We at the IBEW, we put people to work. We put people to work in the construction industry. Construction projects have to be approved. I've been working on construction projects my whole life trying to get approval so that we can put our people to work, and in the State of New Hampshire, I can tell you right now, I'm not very successful. It's very difficult to site something or get something approved here in the State of New Hampshire. And we have to take a look, we take people in that have a high school degree or a GED equivalent and we train them and give them a trade in the electrical industry that they can use for the rest of their lives, and I've seen, the best part of about my job is in the apprenticeship training program when you can see a kid that comes in with no other place to go, and he's able to make a career out of the electrical industry, whether it be the line industry or where I represent, the electricians. We need to have projects, we need to move forward. You know, these projects will create an atmosphere for lower electrical rates here so other industries can come in and people can go to work. We have to be able to take care of our families, take care of the needs of our people so that we can enjoy the beautiful State of New Hampshire. And I ask you, you know, this has been six years. Ten years ago I sat on a committee to upgrade the Coos loop. We're still waiting for that to happen. Six years ago we started this endeavor. We need to put people to work. I have 240 IBEW linemen and electricians that are New Hampshire residents that are currently working elsewhere. This whole country, this electrical system needs to be upgraded. There's going to be plenty of opportunity for these people to make a living for the rest of their lives. Let's put people back to work. Let's get our people in the state back to work, and let's create new opportunities for our children. Thank you.

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to say a few words. My name is Phil Bilodeau. When I first sat down this evening and the chairman began to speak and then Mr. Quinlan spoke about from Canada to Deerfield, my heart's pounding. It was pounding every time Deerfield was mentioned. I'm going to reduce this conversation right now from global energy and jobs and all that, and I'm going to bring it to a personal note. The project ends in Phil and Joan Bilodeau's backyard at 140 Nottingham Road. We filed intervenor status. We were disappointed that the Applicant challenged that so we filed a letter and objections to the objection and I don't know. I guess I can't say anymore. I'm too emotionally involved. But I am disappointed and I'll say disappointed in Mr. Quinlan this evening to say that you reached out to all the abutters that may have been in some situation or some hardship, and I want to honestly say to this crowd and for the record to say that Public Service has never reached out to Phil and Joan Bilodeau. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening, Members of the Committee. My name is John Dumais, and I'm President of the New Hampshire Grocers Association. I'm not here to tell you how you should decide this particular proposal. In fact, our associate has not taken a position on this project. However, we are concerned about electricity. I am here tonight to appeal to the Site Evaluation Committee to redouble your efforts to find a balance between environmental concerns over new energy projects and the clear economic benefits they would bring to our entire state and its business community. If you say no to this project, please be prepared to say yes to something that will meaningfully start to lower electric rates. The food industry is a profession that lives with narrow profit margins. The grocery store business is not easy one. One of their biggest expenses is electricity, and we have minimal ways to reduce the operating expense on our own. I'm sure your own power bills skyrockets in the summer when the temperature rises and you have to increase your air conditioner uses. Imagine having to pay to keep freezers and coolers operating all year long, and that doesn't include the power required for the rest of the store's functions. The cost runs into many millions of dollars statewide. These expenses can threaten operations of grocery stores which is partly why several of the big chain stores have closed stores and scaled back their operations in the state in previous years, and if they are having a hard time doing this, the challenges have multiplied for the several smaller independent operators. When any operating expense, especially electricity, is too high, the added cost has to be passed on to the consumers as higher costs for their groceries. This is a significant financial burden to lower income households in our state. It is also a major concern for the New Hampshire grocers' out-of-state consumers who are about 45 percent of all of our annual sales. That's 45 percent come from out of state. They come here regularly to shop, seeking lower prices. When higher electricity costs come that trend may not continue. Needless to say, in a competitive business such of ours, we are always looking for ways to save money. We are glad the region's leaders are starting to do the same. The New Hampshire Grocers Association applauds the six New England governors for working on a collaborative attempt to identify and fund new and cheaper energy resources for residents. Our current rates are the highest anywhere in the United States and relief seems far away. This process will take years before a new project is up and running. We hope you recognize that this, that as every month passes, more grocers' profits are being diverted to pay for higher electrical costs without any expectation of seeing lower rates. Our message to you is simple. Please do something to provide some relief as soon as possible. Utility regulators have clearly stated our region needs to develop new energy resources totaling more than 6000 megawatts by 2020 to make up for the plants that are shutting down. Even if Northern Pass is approved, that would provide only a thousand megawatts. We aren't even close to filling the gap. The New Hampshire Grocers Association understands there are sharp divisions between those who want cheaper power from the Northern Pass versus those who worry about the impacts of the power lines in the North Country, thus opposing the plant. We respect the views of both and hope a compromise can be found to move the project forward in a meaningful consensus. For those who say no to every new energy option, we respectfully ask, what is your alternative. We know that the demand for power is too great simply to conserve our way to cheaper rates and lower demand. We need new resources and we need them now. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Commission. My name is David Gustafson. My permanent residency is in Hanover, Connecticut, and I drove the two and a half hours up here for this hearing as my chance to put my two cents in, I guess. As a property owner on Spooner Hill overlooking Lake Francis in Pittsburg for 40 years, I have to tell you that we go up to Pittsburg for the view, for the woods, because we love it. It's a five and a half hour drive each way, and we do it as often as we can. From everything I've heard here tonight, the biggest difference between the views from the White Mountains and the views from Pittsburg are economic. It would seem that the tourists are much more affluent in the White Mountains than the snowmobiles, hunters and ATVers up in Pittsburg, and I guess also that I know that there's no permit required from the Forest Service to run towers in Pittsburg as in the White Mountains. I don't know if there's more, obviously, there's more observation points from the White Mountains and scenic resources other, I can only think of Mt. Magalloway in Pittsburg, but I can tell that you the view from the roller coaster of Route 145 in Clarksville where you can see to the Mt. Washington and the Presidential Range are going to have a lot less people pulled over on the side of the road to take fall foliage pictures if all they can see are towers. My wife and I have actually discussed what we're going to do if the signs go from the Great North Woods to the Great North Towers because we really don't want to end up continuing to making that trip when we could stay in Connecticut to see towers. I have to ask, Mr. Quinlan, and the other members here, and not quite the same comparison but if Verizon announced that they were going to put cell towers across the street from your homes, would it be comforting to know that they were going to put monopoles 20 feet shorter than lattice poles 150 feet tall? The result would be the same. As the ultimate, probably the ultimate flatlander in the room, from the North Country, I know that the North Country needs the work, but I would hope that you would decide to put all these people to work burying the line rather than putting up the towers. Thanks.

Hi. My name is Susan Seitz from Deerfield, New Hampshire, and I'm asking a favor of you. Don't worry. No one will know if you do this or you don't. On Wednesday, when you take your bus tour of Deerfield, please put yourself in our shoes. As you pass the Deerfield Community Church, imagine how you would feel if that's the church you had attended all your life, and suddenly there's 130-foot tower towering behind your church. And then consider how lucky you were when you got your mother into the elderly housing complex next to the church until your mother calls you up crying because she can't sleep because of the noise from the line. It's Old Home Days. Many small towns in New Hampshire hold these. You're at the gazebo, but behind our historic town hall, a friend calls your name and you turn to look, and you see the towers engulfing the historic district. And please consider the Bilodeaus. Nobody has talked to them and the project ends in their backyard. And nobody cares. Please consider the human aspects of this project and not use New Hampshire as a thruway for power to the New England grid. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. My name is Greg Averill. I'm a resident of Canterbury, New Hampshire. People today are moving towards supporting local farms, businesses, permaculture and community projects because they see value in it. All involved have an vested interest in their business as well as the well-being of their community and natural environment. We are tired of being told half-truths and lies by large corporations with no interest in the local communities so they can make higher profits. We do not appreciate being told this project has to happen with scare tactics about the future when most or even all of the electricity from these lines will not go to New Hampshire residents but we will be left with the scar on the land and the towers in the sky. Eversource has investors and shareholders to please and show profit. Community members have each other to work together and show value in the community, not the almighty dollar. Eversource will have you believe large scale utilities are the only option for the future. Evolving solar, wind and geothermal energies are allowing individuals to provide power for themselves and their communities. It is local, responsible and everyone in the community knows how things are working. More and more people are looking to move away from the grid and as the technology for homeowners continues to advance and become available, there will be even more options. I'm strongly opposed to the Northern Pass project. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak. My name is Pentti Aalto. I live in Pembroke, New Hampshire, couple hundred yards from where the line will go through. I guess what I'd like to do first is recognize that there have been major improvements in this project in the last years. I remember one of the early meetings in this room. Since then, quite a bit has changed and I thank and recognize the efforts of the company in moving things forward. Key word I guess comes out of is balance and I guess that's where some of my issues come out. We seem to have chosen a rather expensive path to do this work. Clearly, the power could tend to reduce the price in New England. On the other hand, some of the other paths that have been chosen by other companies seem to have been a lot cheaper and lot more easily achieved. DC line under water seemed to go in much more quickly in a few months instead of six years. Operations in Maine seem to be doing the same type of thing. The concern I have is that ultimately the cost of this will be borne by business and people in New England if the unthinkable happens and the price of energy drops. Ten years ago, it would have been very difficult to think of price of natural gas delivered to Boston at \$2.10 on the 11th of March of this year, tomorrow. That reflects a locational price for electricity in New Hampshire of about 1 and a half cents a kilowatt hour as the primary cost. If we get much more development of renewables that somehow could get into that market here, some of these investments that we make today may be in difficulty and that leads to the question of who are the counter parties to buy this power. Something as expensive as this has to have someone willing to sign a long-term contract to buy power. If that's a competitive entity, that's on their heads. If it's a regulated utility that buys the power for the default service customers, then quite likely those customers are going to end up paying that bill even if they choose to leave that service at some point as we've recently seen with the divestiture process where we as customers probably will end up paying a half a billion dollars. MR. HONIGBERG: Mr. Aalto, how much more do you have? MR. AALTO: Just about done. If we do build this facility, perhaps we could try to make it as flexible as possible. By that I mean, as the renewables develop, maybe we need to make sure that power can go both ways over this wire as a way of getting maximum benefit for our own investments in renewables making use of the storage capability in Canada. Thank you.

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Good evening. Jean Menard from Deerfield. To the women and men of blue in this room, the work that you do to keep the lights on is appreciated. My comment tonight is not intended on pitting small business against big business. A 2015 New Hampshire economic development study by the Regional Planning Commission announced that New Hampshire ranks number two in the nation for being small business friendly. I am a small business owner. A driving argument for the Northern Pass project has been to meet the need of low cost power for businesses. I would like to respectfully request that the SEC be open to further rigorous discussion of the factors and criteria that quantifies the number two high ranking of small business in New Hampshire to ensure that this project does not undermine a very healthy small business environment. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Members of the Committee, representatives of the Department of Energy, thank you very much for the opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Melissa Birchard, and I represent Conservation Law Foundation. Conservation Law Foundation is a regional membership-based organization that uses the law, science and the markets to develop innovative, pragmatic solutions to some of New England's greatest challenges. Consistent with its mission to promote thriving resilient communities, CLF is dedicated to advancing solutions that strengthen New England's and New Hampshire's environmental and economic vitality. CLF and its members are concerned that the Northern Pass transmission line as currently proposed has far too many negative impacts on the State of New Hampshire, its landscapes, its communities, and an energy future that is built on efficiency and clean local renewables. At the Department of Energy, CLF has advocated for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement that would assess regional need and the various projects proposed or under development that could serve the same or similar goals that this project purports to serve. CLF continues to believe that there are sound alternatives to the project as proposed and that the National Environmental Policy Act and the Site Evaluation Committee's review process necessitate the rigorous and objective consideration of such alternatives. Conservation Law Foundation is particularly concerned that New Hampshire needs to focus its energy and resources on the development of local renewable technologies. We are disappointed that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has given energy efficiency and renewable power such short shrift, and we are also dismayed that utilities like Eversource here in New Hampshire seek to undermine lesser-impacting energy alternatives like rooftop solar while claiming that large cross-border high voltage transmission lines are an inevitability that we must accept. As for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, although it is excessively narrow in its consideration of alternatives to the project, it does consider a range of feasible aerial options. Conservation Law Foundation is concerned that absent such burial, the proposed project remains fatally flawed by the inequity that it imposes on the State of New Hampshire. While the project Applicants suggest that climate change, unit retirements and overreliance on natural gas necessitate the project as proposed, that is not the case. There are alternatives to this project as proposed, and, importantly, there are alternatives with lesser impacts on the State of New Hampshire and on the region of New England. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment. As described in Appendix B, B.2.12, pursuant to Executive Order 10485, DOE is responsible for receiving "applications for permits for the construction, operation, maintenance, or connection at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country" and determining whether to issue the requested permit. Currently before DOE is an application from Northern Pass seeking a permit for a single international border crossing for a transmission line project. DOE's purpose and need is to determine whether or not to grant the requested Presidential permit for the Project at the international border crossing proposed in the further amended Presidential permit application (August 2015). The comment includes a request for a programmatic/comprehensive EIS that would assess issues such as regional energy needs and goals and potential sources to meet those needs as well as assess regional importation of Canadian hydropower. There is not, however, before DOE a proposed regional plan for the importation of Canadian hydropower that would serve as the subject of a programmatic EIS. Further, DOE does not have the authority to determine underlying regional energy needs and goals within the New England regional transmission system or to establish a master plan for regional importation of Canadian hydropower. Regional energy needs and a plan for meeting those needs within the New England region would be determined by ISO-NE in coordination with the New England states. DOE does, however, assess the impacts associated with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions (such as other regional transmission lines) that could, along with implementation of the Project, have cumulative environmental impacts. Sections 5.1 and Appendix D of the final EIS contain the cumulative impacts analysis.

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Thank you for your comment. Northern Pass has applied to the Department of Energy for a Presidential permit for an international border crossing associated with an HVDC transmission line that would run from Quebec, Canada to Deerfield, NH. Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038, "requires that executive permission be obtained for the construction and maintenance at the borders of the United States of facilities for the exportation or importation of electric energy." DOE is authorized to "receive applications for the construction, operation, maintenance, or connection, at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country[,]" and "[u]pon

finding the issuance of the permit to be consistent with the public interest, and, after obtaining the favorable recommendations of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense thereon, to issue to the applicant, as appropriate, a permit for [the] construction, operation, maintenance, or connection." (EO 10485). DOE, however, does not have siting authority for the Project. In this case, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee has siting authority for the Project in the state of New Hampshire. Additionally, the USFS has siting authority for portions of the Project located in the White Mountain National Forest. (For further discussion, see Sections 1.1-1.3 of the final EIS.) While DOE's authority is limited to the approval or denial of the amended Presidential permit application (August 2015) as requested by the Applicant, DOE's policy is to analyze not only the proposed border crossing, but also the alignment of new infrastructure required between the proposed border crossing and connection to the existing U.S. electricity system as a connected action. In keeping with this policy, DOE analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the alignment proposed by the Applicant. In addition, in response to input from Cooperating Agencies, other agencies, and extensive public comment, DOE analyzed a range of other alignments and underground and overhead configurations between the proposed border crossing and connection with the existing U.S. electricity system. The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. Additionally, seventeen alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Section 2.4 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information on alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. An energy conservation alternative was considered but was eliminated from detailed analysis in the EIS because DOE determined it is not a reasonable alternative, in part because energy efficiency and conservation cannot alone meet the growing demand for electricity in ISO-NE. Section 2.4.9 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information about this alternative. A power generation alternative was considered but was eliminated from detailed analysis in the EIS. As described in the EIS, this is not a NEPA alternative because it is not a reasonable alternative. Section 2.4.8 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information about this alternative.

Thank you all for letting me giving me the opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Ammy Heiser. I'm from Pembroke. I'm the Chairman of the Conservation Commission in Pembroke, and I was authorized by the Board of Selectmen to, they authorized me to act as the intervenor for the town of Pembroke. Our Board of Selectman are a pretty conservative group and so I was quite surprised that they gave, authorized me to speak and have Pembroke be an intervenor to the Northern Pass. Twice we went to town meeting and the town overwhelmingly voted in preference of burial of the lines, and the first time was at the March meeting in 2011 and then March meeting 2014, and I will give you the wording of that article, and I just wanted to make sure I went on record that the town has been opposed. This impacts the town. It basically divides our town right in half. 6.2 miles of transmission wires through our town and a lot of them, the 54 new ones in our town, a lot of them are going to be 130 feet in height. I just, for all the reasons that people have so eloquently discussed why they're opposed to this project, my hat's off to all of them and I hope you will consider burying this project. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank for the opportunity to speak this evening. My name is Lee Lajoie. I live in Concord on Mountain Road. Native of Concord by the way. I am an abutter to the Northern Pass project as the existing right-of-way cuts across the back of my property so I do have skin in the game. I purchased my home in 1990, and one of the things that actually made the property attractive to me was the fact that the right-of-way was there. I knew that no one would be building behind me, and I have direct access to a snowmobile trail. In the intervening 26 years, I've yet to purchase a snowmobile, but I still have hope. As I expected, the presence of the right-of-way has prevented further development directly behind my home, despite numerous houses and developments being constructed in my neighborhood. The City of Concord has never met a development they didn't like. I've attended a number of these public hearings and one of the common themes I have heard is that the Northern Pass will decimate the value of adjacent properties. In addition to the original purchase, I've refinanced my property 2 or 3 times, and I can tell that you not one of the appraisers mentioned the transmission lines, not one of the comparison properties evaluated had rights-of-way, and my property value is in line with simpler properties in the city of Concord. So my personal experience does not correlate with the opinions expressed by others, although based on testimony by one of our city councilors earlier, I guess I can expect a giant refund of all those taxes I paid over the years. I guess I'm not going to hold my breath for that. I'm an engineer by training. I am an admitted and unabashed geek. My wife used to give me a hard time because I came back from Switzerland with pictures of transmission lines climbing over the top of the Alps, and from Hawaii with photos of lines climbing up and over the top of extinct volcanos. To my knowledge, neither place has had a collapse of their tourism industries, another common theme I have heard in these forums. I also confess to liking creature comforts. When it gets hot in the summer, I like to have air conditioning. When I go home at night, I like to flip the switch and have the lights come on. I play hockey at the rink in Laconia and I'm well familiar with the need for electricity to keep the ice frozen. For these and many other reasons, I fully support having adequate supply of electricity in the region based on a variety of fuel sources, and with the changing landscape of the power supply in New England, I understand the need for additional sources such as the Northern Pass. I've also heard numerous times that New Hampshire is an exporter of electricity. Well, I'm not an economist, but I fail to say how this argument makes a case against Northern Pass. If the state is an exporter of a commodity, in my mind that means you have jobs in the state producing that commodity which is good, and are getting money from someone out of state which is also good, and there is nothing more New Hampshire than trying to get money from people out of state. In closing, I do not envy the task you have in front of you. I wish you all the wisdom of Salomon in balancing the various positive and negative aspects of the project, and I hope you're able to put aside emotions and carefully weigh the facts while making your decision. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and you pronounced my name correctly. My name is Elizabeth LaRocca, and I'm a native of New Hampshire and I've worked at PSNH, now Eversource, for 35 years. I work in community relations, but I also held positions in accounting and in regulatory affairs. In 1988 I traveled with other New England utility representatives and various state officials to Quebec, and we toured the hydroelectric complex in James Bay. Northern Utilities had just negotiated two separate energy agreements with Hydro-Quebec. Hopes were high that this power would be as economical as the power New Brunswick had been selling to the region since 1971. The first HQ agreement was signed in '83 and involved 52 miles of new line in Vermont, 7 miles in New Hampshire, and a new converter station in Monroe, New Hampshire. The line went operational in '86, and allowed Northern to buy hydropower for 11 years. Second Hydro-Quebec agreement signed in 1985. That one extended that transmission line 133 miles through the center of New Hampshire into Massachusetts, expanding the line capacity from 690 megawatts to 2000. The purchase power agreement covered a ten-year period from 1990 to 2000. The line stands today in communities like Hopkinton, Dunbarton and Bedford which are all considered very scenic and desirable places to live. Given the undisputed success of these energy agreements, why the controversy today. What has changed? Well, part of the answer lies in the deregulation of the power generation sector which began about 20 years ago in New England and elsewhere in the United States. Most of the power plants serving the region of New England today are owned by merchant generators who participate in the competitive marketplace overseen by ISO New England but governed by the economic principles of supply and demand. To those who doubt that Northern Pass will lower electricity prices for New Englanders, I point to the New England Power Generators Association's fierce opposition to the project. It seems that they object to their most expensive generators being displaced by lower cost hydropower since this will lower the wholesale market clearing price paid to all the market participants. Although this will also lower electric costs for consumers, the generators appear to be steadfast in their opposition to lower profits and united in their effort to keep the New England energy marketplace one of the most lucrative in the United States. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Thank you for your comment.

My name is Ruth Niven. I live in Franklin, New Hampshire. I went to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee website. There I found the Executive Summary for the Northern Pass Transmission Project, and under potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures, I'm going to quote: Northern Pass will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics. The project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on archeological measures. The actual adverse effects from the project will be minimal on the project's avoidant and minimization efforts. The project will not have a significant effect on aquatic resources. The project will also not have significant effects on wildlife or wildlife habitat. There will be no unreasonable adverse effects on public health and safety. Any potential effect on land use will be minimal. There is no basis in the published literature or in the New Hampshire research to expect that the project would have a discernible effect on property values or marketing times in local or regional real estate markets. The Northern Pass would not have a measurable effect on the New Hampshire tourism industry. I was amazed to find that this 192-mile project would be so low impacted on the State of New Hampshire. I also don't believe it. And I really would like you all to consider the source of this Executive Summary Statement and try to discern the reason why it would be to the benefit of Hydro-Quebec and Eversource to minimize the impact on the State of New Hampshire of the Northern Pass project as proposed. I do not believe there would be such opposition to this project if there wasn't an impact. You've all heard testimony, this is affecting people's lives and their businesses and their homes and their recreation, and you know what? Despite the fact that at the end of the summary it says, in a manner that's respectful to the voices of the New Hampshire residents. Northern Pass has taken very thoughtful steps to reduce the project's potential impact. Well, you know what? There has not been enough of an effort. This project as proposed should not be allowed. If the Northern Pass project must be constructed, it should be buried. Thank you.

Northern Pass EIS Website Comment Receipt

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Comment: I support full burial along transportation routes and strongly oppose any above ground transmission lines across protected forest lands and any ridgelines.

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Good evening. My name is Martin Kimbell. I have had a business in the State of New Hampshire for 30 years now. For 24 years my power has come from—excuse me. Ashland. Bridgewater Power has been a-wood fired generating plant for the entire time I've been there for 24 years plus. New Hampshire's number one economic resource is recreation. My business is involved in recreation. I also started a second business in recreation in Campton, and I have been living in Campton, New Hampshire, for the last 24 years. For 14 years I've been living on Route 3, and Eversource came to visit me and put forth a proposed project on what the impact on Route 3 would be having buried this transmission line. Well, that's my front yard. I was living on Route 175 and that was my backyard. I didn't want it in my backyard and now I don't want it in my front yard. When they proposed this project, I asked them, I said, so what is it going to look like? Is it going to be on my property? Is it going to be on my neighbor's property or is it going to be right in the middle of the road, under the road, under the river. I have 75 feet of frontage on Route 3. Not a whole lot. But I own 1500 feet of river up to the thread of the river. Now, this river that flows along my property and goes underneath Route 3 is only about 10 feet higher than the thread of the brook. I don't see any room for what they propose is a three foot by three foot concrete conduit going underneath the highway or side by side to the highway or underneath the bridge. In the springtime we have ice falls that come down through these rivers, all up and down the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and the highest recorded ice fall since I've been there has been over 14 feet and run right into the bridge and flooded out my property. What a transmission line would look like buried in New Hampshire going underneath the Pemigewasset River in the White Mountains and all of these smaller brooks/streams throughout our area is in question. So I asked the Eversource team if there was a transmission line buried that we could observe and observe how they were constructed with bridges in the area. They said that that didn't exist here in the United States. That we could take a trip to Europe where lots and lots of transmission lines are buried successfully. I said, if you guys would like to buy us all plane tickets and go to Germany or Austria or Liechtenstein or otherwise, we're be glad to take a trip and view those transmission lines underground. If they would construct one here in New Hampshire, we could take a field trip and look at such a construction. My concern personally is not in my front yard. With transmission lines overhead we hear of the snap, crackle, pop and arcing electromagnetic forces. What is it underground? What is the impact of that buzz going to be on my property and my value. Lastly, I would just like to say that since my energy at my shop does come from a wood-fire generated plant, it has been said that a number of wood-fired generated plants in the State of New Hampshire would belly up if Northern Pass were to come through the state. I would not want to see the jobs for the people I know in Ashland, New Hampshire, be taken away due to another energy source coming through the state that was only passing through us to power yet another energy grid south of here. That would be all I have to say. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment. Potential impacts related to extreme weather events and natural disasters are analyzed in the EIS (Section 4.1.4.2). As stated in the EIS, local conditions would be considered to identify the appropriate depth and method of burial to minimize risks resulting from weather.

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Thank you for your comment. The EIS analyzes several full-burial alternatives in detail (Alternatives 3, 4a, 4b, and 4c). The potential environmental impacts of all twelve alternatives, as well as technical constraints, are discussed throughout the EIS. Section 2.3.12.5 of the EIS provides information about the installation of underground cable.

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Thank you for your comment. Additional information pertaining to noise and property values has been added to Section 4.1.7 of the final EIS, and to Section 3.2.2.5 of the Noise Technical Report.

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Additional analysis of potential impacts to property values is presented in Section 4.1.2 of the EIS.

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Thank you for your comment. Socioeconomic impacts are addressed in Section 4.1.2 of the EIS and include an assessment of impacts on electricity rates and the anticipated mix of current and future generation types. The analysis conducted did not find evidence that the Project would reduce or alter the construction of new, or reliance upon existing, renewable power sources in the U.S., other than by potentially affecting total expenditures for electricity within the market.

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I'm Lawrence Phillips. I'm from Canterbury. My family has operated a business in New Hampshire for 37 years. It's constantly a challenge controlling cost and increasing profit to stay in business. A lot of the costs of doing business are not controllable. It's the cost of doing business. But a lot of those costs are controllable where you have to make a decision, whether to do the ethical thing for a customer or not. You're not required by any kind of a law or anything like that. And we always make the ethical decision, even though it costs us money in the business to make an ethical decision, and we do that, and what I'm asking is for Eversource to make the ethical decision and to bury the line. Even though it would cost more, it's the ethical decision because it affects so many people in New Hampshire. Thank you very much for your attention.

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Thank you for your comment.

Erica Druke. If it's okay, I'd like to ask my questions because it was submitted too late to be answered. MR. HONIGBERG: You can state the questions, but I'm not promising anybody's going to answer them. SPEAKER: Right. So if Northern Pass was approved, would Hydro-Quebec open any more additional big hydro dams to increase supply based on increased demand over time? How many dams are there now? How many dams are planned in the future and over what time frame? Who are all the current and future customers for Hydro-Quebec/Eversource. Now I'll start my comments. Big hydro is not technically clean due to the permanent damage it does to the environment. Who pays for the external cost due to the environmental damage. US citizens and humanity in general. Not Northern Pass. It costs a huge amount to build dams in terms of resources and concrete and CO2 emissions. Pristine forest and valleys are flooded in Canada, destroying wildlife and displacing people and as well as recreational and economic opportunities. The rivers are no longer reaching the ocean or only as a trickle of its former self. This has negative impacts on the sensitive ecosystem of the oceans worldwide. It contributes to the warming of water temperatures of the ocean and advances climate change and global warming. The cost of big hydro is too much to bear when there are better alternatives such as solar power and wind that can be developed in New Hampshire. Wind and solar would allow New Hampshire to be self-reliant and live free of foreign power sources. New Hampshire should invest in itself, not be a passive consumer of private, foreign, for-profit enterprises. Rivers are like gold in Canada. Canada is known for having the most fresh water in the world. Canada doesn't have a problem destroying their own pristine land to be to create big hydro dams so why the hell would they care about New Hampshire's scenery. Why can't New Hampshire generate its own sources of power that are truly clean and don't cause global damage. Don't approve Northern Pass. If is it approved, bury all lines.

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Thank you for your comment. Potential impacts in Canada from the construction and operation of electricity infrastructure, including hydropower generation and transmission in Canada, are beyond the scope of this NEPA analysis. NEPA does not require an analysis of potential environmental impacts that occur within another sovereign nation that result from actions approved by that sovereign nation. Additionally, the construction and operation of Hydro-Quebec power generation projects and electricity transmission line projects in the bulk Hydro-Quebec system will occur regardless of and independent to whether DOE issues a Presidential permit for the proposed Northern Pass Project international border crossing. For these reasons, potential environmental impacts in Canada are not addressed in this EIS. Section 1.5.4.1 of the Final EIS has been updated in response to this comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you very much. For the record, my name is Susan Ford. I am a member of the House of Representatives in New Hampshire, and I represent Grafton District 3. Thank you. I'm sorry I didn't get an opportunity to go to the Concord hearing last night. That would have been my preference. You need to know we were being held hostage at the State House. It was a very long night. But one of the things that I wanted to bring up was the fact that I am particularly concerned about expanding the interest in 4 B Alternative. I was in Concord. I'm not sure you're aware of the fact that in Concord, we established our capital city in 1808. We met last night in the building that was the most, that is the oldest, longest serving House of Representatives State House in the country. Concord is scheduled to have 77 towers. 77 towers. As a concern of that, I grew up in Connecticut. I did invite the President of Eversource to come and visit. I'm sorry, Mr. Mills. I should have invited you, too. I would like to invite people to see what happens with those 77 towers in Concord. I'm pretty sure that no one in Hartford or Boston would put up with 77 towers in their capital city. We need to talk about burial. I want you to think about the fact that there's housing near that. We come up and we're in a rural area. Concord is not rural. We need to think about that. We need to think about burial. I know what kind of a fuss the Connecticut residents would make about towers. I lived there. I read the Hartford Courant. They think they have scenic views? Let's talk about some scenic views. I'm also concerned with the fact that nobody is looking at the technology of this issue. When you look at technology and you look at 20 years ago, we know that the only way to transmit electricity from an area like Quebec down to Franklin would be through overhead towers. We don't need to live with overhead towers anymore. The technology is here. It would be like going to a doctor's office and asking the doctor to take care of your heart with 20-year-old information. We have new technology. New Hampshire deserves new technology. We deserve to bury it. We need to consider our capital city. I'm asking you to really take a good look at option 4 B and bury it all. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. Brian Tilton. I'm opposed to Northern Pass. No secret to many of you on the panel and for those in the back. I wear the orange shirt. I attended a round of SEC sessions previous to this round, and in that round and this is for the DOE's benefit to understand, not a single person that spoke in favor of the project was a disinterested party. Everybody had some sort of financial gain. And tonight, we've heard from everybody that's in favor of the project, except for maybe one or two people, again, stand to have a direct financial benefit if the project were to be built as proposed. So I do want to add to both the DOE and SEC in response to the claims about supermarkets leaving the state, in full disclosure I do work for a supermarket chain in New Hampshire, Market Basket. I'm not speaking on their behalf. I'm not speaking in any way to represent them. I'm just speaking as myself. Companies like Market Basket are actually expanding in this state despite the claims that were made earlier about higher electricity driving them out. The reason why our competitors have been driven out is because of their business model. Inefficiencies and extremely high cost. We excel in selling a product that's 15 percent cheaper on average than our retail competitors and our employees are paid quite well. So as one of those proud employees, I can say that is certainly the case. Any of the claims that have been made about the financial benefits to New Hampshire ratepayers, how much cost savings that we'll have, again, without a Power Purchase Agreement in place, all those numbers you see on those screens are meaningless. They don't mean a darn thing because without a signed Power Purchase Agreement, there is nothing, absolutely nothing, to base those numbers on. So until that is in place, I think you guys are just completely wasting your time. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment. Northern Pass has applied to the Department of Energy for a Presidential permit for an international border crossing associated with an HVDC transmission line that would run from Quebec, Canada to Deerfield, NH. Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038, "requires that executive permission be obtained for the construction and maintenance at the borders of the United States of facilities for the exportation or importation of electric energy." DOE is authorized to "receive applications for the construction, operation, maintenance, or connection, at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country[,]" and "[u]pon finding the issuance of the permit to be consistent with the public interest, and, after obtaining the favorable recommendations of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense thereon, to issue to the applicant, as appropriate, a permit for [the] construction, operation, maintenance, or connection." (EO 10485). DOE, however, does not have siting authority for the Project. In this case, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee has siting authority for the Project in the state of New Hampshire. Additionally, the USFS has siting authority for portions of the Project located in the White Mountain National Forest. (For further discussion, see Sections 1.1-1.3 of the final EIS.) While DOE's authority is limited to the approval or denial of the amended Presidential permit application (August 2015) as requested by the Applicant, DOE's policy is to analyze not only the proposed border crossing, but also the alignment of new infrastructure required between the proposed border crossing and connection to the existing U.S. electricity system as a "connected action" under NEPA. In keeping with this policy, DOE analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the alignment proposed by the Applicant. In addition, in response to input from Cooperating Agencies, other agencies, and extensive public comment, DOE analyzed a range of other alignments and underground and overhead configurations between the proposed border crossing and connection with the existing U.S. electricity system. The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. Additionally, seventeen alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Section 2.4 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information on alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Among these alternatives, DOE considered two alternate border crossings. One was an alternative that would utilize the existing National Grid Phase I/II route, including its border crossing in Vermont. Based on its review of the National Grid alternative DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section

I did sign up and fill in a card. I did fill in a card also. MR. KERVITSKY: I apologize. SPEAKER: That's okay. I'm Suzanne Smith from Grafton County District 8, and like Representative Ford, I was at the State House until past my bedtime last night so I was not able to make it to Concord to the Grappone Center. It would have been my preference also, although it was a beautiful drive up here tonight. As has been said before, the new improved Northern Pass plan makes residents of New Hampshire winners and losers. The northern part of New Hampshire which has been devastated right below where we would cross the border will now be covered with high voltage transmission lines and towers. Where there is a larger percentage of money, tourists, the line will be buried. Plymouth, Holderness and Ashland, gateway towns to Squam Lake and Plymouth State University, will see their lines buried. However, as we cross the border from Ashland to Bridgewater, New Hampton, Bristol Hill and even Franklin, towers again will rise high along the roads and the rights-of-way. Peaked Hill in Bristol, home to barely visible poles now, will be inundated with tall towers. Why is Northern Pass picking and choosing. The Environmental Impact Statement Draft does address and give some great alternatives for Northern Pass. You'll have to excuse me. I lost my glasses somewhere along the way so I can barely see what I've written. Massachusetts and Connecticut will enjoy this expanded energy from Quebec Hydropower and much of New Hampshire will have the pleasure of gazing at tall towers for many years to come. I live in Hebron and Northern Pass towers do come down along through Hebron from Monroe down towards Massachusetts. We don't need any more lines above ground. I would ask the Department of Energy to consider that if the line were buried all the way, and we wanted to avoid the White Mountain National Forest, you could cross the international line at Derby, Vermont, come down along Interstate 91 and cross over either along Route 25 in New Hampshire or all the way down and across 89 to get down to Massachusetts utilizing the interstate rights of way, and I think that would be an excellent improvement, avoiding the White Mountain National Forest all together. You have listened thus far to the people of New Hampshire and I really appreciate the last draft that was put out by the Department of Energy. I ask you to continue to listen and bury the Northern Pass or deny the Presidential permit. Thank you.

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2.4.3 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information related to the National Grid alternative. Separately, in response to comments received on the draft EIS, DOE considered a second alternative border crossing in Vermont, specifically identified as a border crossing at Derby Line, VT that would utilize I-91. DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section 2.4.17 of the final EIS has been added to reflect consideration of this alternative and DOE's determination.

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Thank you for your comment. Socioeconomic impacts for all of the alternatives are addressed within Section 4.1.2 of the EIS. This section additionally provides the ability to compare estimated project construction costs for all alternatives evaluated. The EIS analysis does not attempt to determine the proponent's return on investment or temporal requirement to achieve a return, as this is beyond the scope of this EIS.

Peter Grote. I very much appreciate the opportunity to come here. I think the committee is very relaxed and also are very hospitable to a lot of us so I really appreciate your efforts. I'm a resident of Franconia. I've been to a number of the SEC meetings. And I'd like to, Sue, if you excuse me, I'd like to not preempt you, but you mentioned 1808. I'd like to go back a million years since the really last geologic event in our geologic history. We've had a rather quiet period, but that was when the Appalachian Mountain system really became a feature, and that system over the last million years has survived ice sheets, glaciers, earthquakes, fires, floods, landscapes, and in very recent times, the construction of interstate I-93, and we've all driven over it and there's been no irreparable damage from that massive construction project. I really don't understand why the management of Northern Pass insists that this durable geologic structure in any way could be damaged or harmed by the underground installation of some copper cables; particularly, since there's an existing path through the Notch called the bicycle path, I think at times it's 25 feet wide, that could accommodate this Northern Pass installation of high volt DC lines. The proposed route instead consists of towers and buried lines under New Hampshire State Route 18, Route 116, Route 112, Route 3, and other routes south of the Notch. That proposal would impose far greater long-term economic, environmental and aesthetic impacts than an alternative route through the interstate highway system. The utilities management has made many claims that using interstate I-93 would be uneconomic. You heard last night the attorney for the utility giving us a long laundry list of reasons why it couldn't go through Interstate I-93 with comments, it's not viable. Engineers we've talked to disagree with that analysis very strongly. I would ask really that the utility provide us, provide the committee, provide you, and provide the public with a detailed analysis and justification for this claim. Let me be a little specific. The economic, environmental, qualitative impact of constructing and installing this system consists of some 200 towers, new towers, over 600 relocated towers, that span over 130 miles in addition to 90 miles of cables buried underneath state highways, not interstate highways. All of this will be affecting over 90,000 New Hampshire residents and voters in one way or another that live along the proposed and vote along the proposed route. During recent meetings, public meetings, in Lincoln, Colebrook, and, again, Whitefield and yesterday in Concord, representatives for the utility stated that, one, it would be technically feasible to bury the entire line; two, they keep talking about a 40 year -- my time is up? MR. KERVITSKY: Your time is up but are you about finished? MR. GROTE: I'm almost through. MR. KERVITSKY: Excellent. MR. GROTE: The lifespan of the towers would be some 60 to 70 years, not 40 years as they claim. That Hydro-Quebec is the payer, will be paying all of this. Looking at financial results that have been disclosed by Hydro-Quebec, in the first 6 months of this year, and that's adjusted, 6-month period is more reflective of seasonal variations, Hydro-Quebec earned, Canadian dollars, two billion dollars. Taking that and extrapolating that and adding the potential profit from Northern Pass's incremental revenues, we estimate that Hydro-Quebec will have a capacity of earning some \$200 billion over the life, over the 70-year life of the project, and the burial alternative through the Notch or through the interstate highway system in our view would be less than one percent of this 200 billion dollars. Thank you very much.

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George, if I may, before my time starts, Brian has said that no T-shirts would be necessary tonight so I did not bring one, but I would like to thank you for attending this last meeting that I probably will be at and I would also like to thank all of the people that are here tonight, both the opponents and the proponents. For the record, my name is Rick Samson. 804 Piper Hill Road, Stewartstown, New Hampshire, and I am the Coos County Commissioner for District 3. I represent 11 towns and 8 unincorporated places in District 3. Of the 11 towns, six will be directly affected by Northern Pass, four of the 8 unincorporated places will be directly affected. The towns of Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford, and Groveton or Northumberland has all voted at their annual meetings in the past several years to oppose the Northern Pass project. At this time, there are no transmission lines in Pittsburg, Clarksville or Stewartstown. There is a transubtion line only in Stewartstown. In the towns of Clarksville and Stewartstown there are several cemeteries that may impact the route that Northern Pass is proposing. Are any of these cemeteries historical in nature or on a historical register? Are they included in the Section 106 review is my question. There is also federal grasslands that may be impacted by this proposed project, and I'd like to know if they are listed anywhere in the environmental state and with what specificity. There are also wetlands in Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Dixville, Millsfield, Dummer, Stark, and Groveton or Northumberland. Will these wetlands be addressed as well. Coos County's electrical generation and power is now controlled by Canadian companies at this time. Approval of Northern Pass and the issuance of a Presidential permit will only further our dependence on foreign suppliers of our electricity. Neither New Hampshire nor the United States federal government has an energy policy. By rightfully denying a Presidential permit for the proposed Northern Pass project, this would require the United States to consider and institute an energy policy that would start us on the path to energy independence. As County Commissioner of the unincorporated towns of Dixville and Millsfield, I am one of three selectmen representing the incorporated places. It is one of our responsibilities to protect these unincorporated places and their land. A serious responsibility. Based on these concerns, I respectfully request that the Department of Energy recommend that a Presidential permit for the proposed Northern Pass be denied. My question is, why has Northern Pass not considered burying these lines on state rights-of-ways and giving this money to the State of New Hampshire instead of a private enterprise from outside of our country. The VELCO line in Vermont is only running at about 50 percent capacity at this time. That has not been mentioned in any of these meetings whatsoever. I would like to complete my statement, and this is no reflection on the Department of Energy, Mr. Mills or Mr. Wagner. The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion but allow very lively debate within that spectrum. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment. The commenter's identification of and concerns about cemeteries in Clarksville and Stewartstown are noted. Potential impacts to or adverse effects on the White Mountain National Forest are analyzed in Section 4.5 of the EIS. DOE is addressing potential adverse effects to historic properties, including any in the White Mountain National Forest, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations. For more information, see Section 3.1.8 of the EIS. This comment will be considered through the Section 106 process.

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Thank you for your comment. Section 4.1.13 of the final EIS (and each geographic section thereafter) evaluates potential impacts to water resources, including wetlands, streams, and vernal pools. Additional information is provided in the Water Resources Technical Report.

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Thank you for your comment.

My name is Henrietta Howard and I'm from Lancaster. I've lived there for 28 years. For five years, Northern Pass, you have been saying that Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island need more electricity. That is not true. Rhode Island is laying an underwater electric cable from Block Island to Quonset Point. The Maine Green Line reaches out to Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut with a buried landline. Another bidder is Maine Power Express offering a hundred percent buried line to Boston. New Hampshire does not need electricity because we export it. Vermont is putting in its own buried system. TransCanada owns Moore Dam in Littleton, New Hampshire. It is running at only five percent capacity. TransCanada is based in Calgary, Alberta. It is owned by Chinese investors. America is becoming owned by foreign countries piece by piece. We are losing America. Peak demand for all New England in 2015 was forecast to be 28,400 megawatts. That's 2250 megawatts higher than actual use in 2014. Allegedly, several plants in New England are being closed down, including the one on the Bethlehem/Littleton line. It is running at five percent capacity. People are conserving their electricity. A related issue. You, Northern Pass, want a permit to bulldoze 52 miles through our White Mountain National Forest. Certain areas of that forest do not allow local people to sugar there. Why should an exception be made for a foreign government to destroy part of our protected federal forest. Some of us recall the 1998 ice storm that crumpled the 135-foot metal towers in Quebec. It can happen again. Let's look at your Canadian record. You have flooded millions of acres of ancestral lands of the First Nation people. Here we call them American Indians. This was stated by a senior manager of Hydro-Quebec. You have been destroying their culture and livelihood. You flooded a Canadian river knowing a herd of elk was crossing the river. Most of them drowned. A former Canadian man told me a farmer grazed his cattle around the Quebec towers. They couldn't give milk. He moved them to another area and they gave plenty of milk. That's one effect of the electromagnetism from the towers. Who is going to pay for this \$80 billion project? Us. The ratepayers. Why won't Hydro-Quebec divert its \$12 billion in profits in 2011 to bury the entire project. Northern Pass claims our rates are going to go down. How can they. That isn't what Eversource's competition says. On eversource.com it was stated that its CEO got a \$1.3 million raise. As for the jobs you talk about they will be short-term and most will go to Canadians who have the construction expertise. This project is not needed. Its only purpose is to enrich the Northern Pass administrators and the Province of Quebec who owns Hydro-Quebec. Perhaps this is payback for the closing of the Thetford mine in the 1970s. Don't construct your 135-foot towers or bury your electric lines. We object to the taking of American property for the private use and profit of a foreign government. Bury your whole idea. (Applause). And I was able to get 200 signatures from Lancaster residents who are completely against the towers and the trenches. This project needs the permission of each Board of Selectmen and each New Hampshire town.

To the powers that be, do you not see? Can you not hear, or are you just acting out of fear? The fate of our land is resting in your hands. The people have spoken. Please prove to us that the system's not broken. To the powers that be, in such a powerful company, how much more will you take from us? Do you not realize how much is at stake for us? How can you stay blind to the devastation left behind? Once you have taken of what we love, will it ever be enough. Or once you have taken, will you just rape us again and again? You never once asked our permission. You just continue to push your own mission. Well, this is all we have left, and there is no turning back once the damage is done. The loss for us is much greater than the gain might be for anyone. For the ones without a voice, nature has no choice in this. For all sacred land, I hear you and I understand. So I sing this for you, that the powers that be may see the truth. That they may be brave enough to stand up for all of us, and may they be wise to distinguish the truth from the lies. May they represent you and me, for we are the ones who give them the power to be.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. For the record, my name is Raymond Berthiaume from Twin Mountain, and I will tell you I support the Northern Pass project and for the following couple of reasons. First of all, I believe any project that's proposed that involves bringing renewable energy into our system into the region, lessening our dependence on foreign or on fossil fuels whether foreign or domestic, we have to at least consider it. Secondly, and perhaps initially, the most important, is the folks from Northern Pass have a plan to spend large sums of money in the region. Not only do they have a plan to but they've already been doing so. This particular project will support our local businesses. Some of it may be temporary during the construction process, but, nevertheless, will support our businesses, support our people. There will be a lot of good local jobs; again, during the construction process, some lingering afterwards. And all of these workers will use the services provided, utilities and goods available in the region. Also this project will provide a much needed upgrade to our Coos loop electric system. The age and condition of the system currently does not allow our existing electrical generation facilities to work at or anywhere near full capacity. This upgrade will permit that as well as to allow more secure and consistent delivery of electrical energy to our customers. The upgrade will allow for up to 100 megawatts of additional power to be delivered into the grade. This increase will allow the existing Burgess Biopower plant in Berlin as well as the wind energy facilities in Berlin, Millsfield and Dixville to operate to a full capacity. The reduction in limitations to the biomass facility especially will provide a much needed boost to the region's timber industry which has been hard hit by reductions in markets for low grade wood. This particular market is crucial for our loggers, sawmills, truckers and all the supporting industries. I'd also like to bring a couple of points why I am opposed to burying the entire length of the line. The environmental impact to the lands, wetlands and sensitive areas specifically, when you dig a trench as opposed to going overhead are drastically different. The land base itself gets disturbed much less when you go overhead than it is to dig through a wetland. Even though you reclaim it, it's never what Mother Nature put there to begin with. Secondly, overhead lines present fewer limitations to private landowners and people that use this property. We've all seen, and most people have used over the course of their lifetime, existing power line corridors for ATV, snowmobiles, hiking, access to other place that they normally couldn't get to. Overhead lines will continue to provide that. So with that, with the environmental concerns of burying the line and the economic stability and increase to the region which is much needed in this northern part of the region here, we need this project and I thank you for the time.

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Thank you for your comment.

Luke Wotton. Hi. I saw you guys down in Waterville Valley, and I like that this has no Northern Pass or Eversource people at it. And one of the things that, like, Eversource, like, they say it's going to bring us so much closure on our electricity bills, and at one of these meetings, I've been to so many I can't even count anymore, somebody asked what are you guys going to actually save on my electricity bill? I have on average \$100 electricity bill. Eversource, this comes from him himself, he looks at the guy and he's like you're probably going to save about five dollars in savings. It's not really a savings thing we're going to be getting from this Hydro-Quebec power, and it's just a whole bunch of false lies that Eversource has put on to us and they have bought out politicians and stuff like that like the Balsams? \$3 million just so the Balsams can like be on board with this project because the Balsams are going to have the lines pass right through the land, but, I mean, it's just, it's money and greed. That's what this project is. And as a small folk who relies on bigger folks, to step up to the ginormous people, and say like yo, you've got to stop this. That's what government really should be about, and that's why it was originally started, and I don't think that rural New Hampshire should have to pay the burden to bring all this electricity down south. I just really don't see that happening at all, and I don't think the northern New Hampshire should take the full blow just so the southern people can still have all their power and stuff. And I had a couple meetings ago, might have been a couple years ago, Eversource, he said we had a rolling blackout up north, and a rolling blackout is caused by not enough power in the corridor, so, and then later on, couple meetings later, he says oh, you guys have too much power on your northern corridor. I'm going to upgrade it for you to deal with all of this extra energy you guys have. That doesn't even make sense. How can we have a rolling blackout and then too much power up here? They just really don't happen. And I think this whole system is corrupt. I really do hope that you guys, because you guys seem more legit than the SEC, I hope you guys stand up and you can hear all of us people expressing our concerns against it, and I just want to point out all these people saying bury it, bury it, bury it, bury it, but it still doesn't solve what's happening in Quebec, and you still have to cut down trees and build a massively long treeless area to buy it, and I'm against it all. I've got documentation here and I've got some letters, but I don't think you guys would want those. They're to the SEC. You guys all set with those.

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Thank you for your comment.

First I want to thank everybody who has spoken so eloquently and so movingly and such conviction. I want to say I hope that your eyes are open and your ears are open. Your eyes are open to the North Country and to what you're hearing speaking through the North Country. MR. KERVITSKY: Make sure you give us your name. SPEAKER: Stewart Weeks from Lancaster, New Hampshire. MR. KERVITSKY: Thank you. SPEAKER: So I want to begin with a quote by John Wingate Weeks, and I think I can say that I'm speaking on his behalf. As he climbs through the hardwoods and hemlocks into the spruces and firs and through the woods and into the first scrub towards the summit, he finds no more boundary posts. He realizes that as a citizen he is joint owner not only of the mountains but of the whole range. My words are words I'd like to think of common sense. We all know what this is about. It's been said in different ways. It's about whether corporations rule the world, and whether this would be business and politics as usual or not. What you've heard are how people's lives will be affected. The gentleman spoke about his wife with the sensitivity to electronic currents. The land, and, again, I hope you have a good luck before you depart. Some call this here God's country. If this is America still, this Northern Pass will not go through. Again, if this is still America, a government of, by and for the people, Northern Pass will not go through. It will be dropped. Common sense says that there are no grounds for putting this through other than the bottom line. So my question is will the voices be heard. If John Wingate Weeks were here today, I think his answer would be very clear. Not just in terms of the actual decision but the process. I think the process would have been the greatest concern for him. That is if the voices of the people are truly heard, whether, again, it's going to be business as usual. We have seen this happen again and again and again and again, and I think John Wingate Weeks would have said first clean up the devastation in Canada before this issue is even raised of coming to the United States. First do justice to the Cree nation, first clean up the mess behind before you bring it into this country. Our founding fathers understood that for corporations to operate, they're granted by the legislature's corporate charters which means they had to be good citizens, which means they had to recognize something more than the bottom line. So, again, I hope your ears are open to what you've heard, I hope you'll glance around before you head south because it will be mayhem if these towers go up for the environment. Thank you.

I am not an educated man. I only went to 8th grade. I was born in Pittsfield New Hampshire. When I retired, and I'm 80 years old, I came to Stark and bought a place and the power lines and the gas lines were going through and there's a little pond that keeps water year-round, and so we bought the land, my wife has since died, and all I want is to put a pasture, to fence my pasture in and to get a couple of beef critters and some goats, and I can't find where my boundaries are because I don't know what Northern Pass is going to do and what, and I didn't realize that the money was going back to China. So for the welfare of our beautiful state, the wildlife, environment and people, please just say no.

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Thank you for your comment.

Yes. Good evening. My name is Christopher Anderson. I am here as a resident of Stark, New Hampshire. I want to thank you all, every speaker tonight, and for all of you holding these hearings for hearing all of these very interesting and very well expressed opinions. Basically, I am here to speak out against Northern Pass, and the only possible decent alternative I see at this time is for the burial along interstate 91 in Vermont or simply no to Northern Pass, and the elected officials federally and here in the state must protect New Hampshire because this current proposal that Eversource and Hydro-Quebec has been presenting is absolutely not acceptable for those of us who love and live in this region. No towers should be going anywhere in this region because it damages the regional views and harms wildlife with all the RF and hurt the citizens with the RF with these towers for the power that is not for us and we do not need. Eversource and Hydro-Quebec profits at the cost of all who live in New Hampshire who face decreased property values, possible health risks and damage to our environment. If burial is okay for part of the project, then it is okay for all of the project, only if the Interstate 91 corridor option is utilized. Otherwise, no to Northern Pass. If Hydro-Quebec and Eversource really cared about our region, they would be more considerate of our region, and they would go with the interstate burial option on Interstate 91. Therefore, I stand strong, no to the current proposal of Northern Pass. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment. Northern Pass has applied to the Department of Energy for a Presidential permit for an international border crossing associated with an HVDC transmission line that would run from Quebec, Canada to Deerfield, NH. Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038, "requires that executive permission be obtained for the construction and maintenance at the borders of the United States of facilities for the exportation or importation of electric energy." DOE is authorized to "receive applications for the construction, operation, maintenance, or connection, at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country[,]" and "[u]pon finding the issuance of the permit to be consistent with the public interest, and, after obtaining the favorable recommendations of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense thereon, to issue to the applicant, as appropriate, a permit for [the] construction, operation, maintenance, or connection." (EO 10485). DOE, however, does not have siting authority for the Project. In this case, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee has siting authority for the Project in the state of New Hampshire. Additionally, the USFS has siting authority for portions of the Project located in the White Mountain National Forest. (For further discussion, see Sections 1.1-1.3 of the final EIS.) While DOE's authority is limited to the approval or denial of the amended Presidential permit application (August 2015) as requested by the Applicant, DOE's policy is to analyze not only the proposed border crossing, but also the alignment of new infrastructure required between the proposed border crossing and connection to the existing U.S. electricity system as a "connected action" under NEPA. In keeping with this policy, DOE analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the alignment proposed by the Applicant. In addition, in response to input from Cooperating Agencies, other agencies, and extensive public comment, DOE analyzed a range of other alignments and underground and overhead configurations between the proposed border crossing and connection with the existing U.S. electricity system. The EIS analyzes in detail the No Action Alternative and eleven action alternatives. Additionally, seventeen alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Section 2.4 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information on alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed analysis. Among these alternatives, DOE considered two alternate border crossings. One was an alternative that would utilize the existing National Grid Phase I/II route, including its border crossing in Vermont. Based on its review of the National Grid alternative DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section

2.4.3 of the final EIS has been updated with additional information related to the National Grid alternative. Separately, in response to comments received on the draft EIS, DOE considered a second alternative border crossing in Vermont, specifically identified as a border crossing at Derby Line, VT that would utilize I-91. DOE determined that this alternative is not reasonable. Section 2.4.17 of the final EIS has been added to reflect consideration of this alternative and DOE's determination.

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Thank you for your comment.

(Mike Sterling) Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I represent Chapman Development who is the owner of the Wausau paper mill site in Groveton, New Hampshire. As just a small piece of background, Bob Chapman jumped into this project in an effort to help that community in terms of economic redevelopment and bring some jobs to the community. Bob is not a multinational corporation. He is somebody who's very concerned about his backyard. In this effort to make Groveton a revitalized location, he has worked tirelessly to make things better and get that site into a position where we can invite some new companies to come in and start the process of rebuilding and bringing what I have termed in the past an opportunity for families to start moving back into the area as opposed to fleeing because they're looking for opportunities to work down south. We see this project as a vital opportunity to bring some needed economic development revenue to this site. It is crucial that this money come sooner rather than later, and I appreciate all of the comments that have been made, and I am sensitive and so is Mr. Chapman to all of these statements that have been made, and I don't know that we can see much beyond the end of the road here, but Groveton is going to hit the wall here pretty quick. We are hoping that this project can give us the ability to encourage companies to come in to the North Country to bring some jobs back to the area and to start to make this a growing, thriving community as opposed to one that is dying and dying very quickly. We look forward to the opportunity that the investment that Northern Pass has committed to Mr. Chapman come through soon so that we can start this process and make this a reality. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment. The proposed Project would cross Bear Rock as an underground cable in Alternative 3 and as an underground cable with a transition station to overhead line in Alternatives 2, 5a, 5b, 5c, and 7. Bear Rock is within the study area for these alternatives, which is defined as the Area of Potential Effects (APE) (see Section 3.1.8.2). The Proposed Action and Alternatives are discussed in Section 2.3. Bear Rock is not an archaeological or architectural resource, so it is not addressed in Section 3.2.8 or 4.2.8. Bear Rock could be a contributing natural feature to a cultural landscape, see 3.1.8, and will be considered through the cultural landscape studies to be conducted as part of the Section 106 process (see Section 3.1.8.3 for methodology).

Thank you for the opportunity to share one of many reasons why I'm opposed to the Northern Pass as currently proposed, and in order to explain that I'm going to have to share a story of what happened with the natural gas line when it went through our region. When the natural gas pipeline was being constructed in Stewartstown, specifically in Riverside, there was a spring with a spring house in the area that no one thought to express concern over or to request that the pipeline carefully avoid the site so as to not disrupt it. Unfortunately, the gas pipeline passed right through alongside the spring in plain view of the spring house which ruined the spring. When I asked my parents who were third generation, sorry, second generation, I'm third and my son is fourth, about it they replied, no one thought to bring it up. It was common sense. There's a spring, it has a spring house, been there for years. Yet the gas company put the pipe right through it. The spring location was well-known and marked and had a lovely spring house that still exists with no water that was used by the local population for generations as well as tourists, and I mention this because Stewartstown also has a similar site that I would like to point out that no one to date has mentioned in the concern of preserving, and that is in Stewartstown there is a very large rock outcropping called Bear Rock. Bear Rock is well known to locals and has been named Bear Rock since settlement times. In fact, my son and I noted in the map in the hotel up here, Bear Rock is on the map. It's historically known for bear sightings even after the area was cleared for agriculture. It always has been known, that's where the bears would go to sun themselves. The precise location is noted on a map dated 1861, and it is the same rock that gives its name to Bear Rock Road, Bear Rock Bog, Bear Rock school house that's now in Colebrook, and the ATV Bear Rock Adventures, and I'd be willing to bet they not don't even know about Bear Rock, and other local businesses. A whole part of the town has been named after it. In the town reports you can find pictures of it as schools would take field trips and take photo ops at the rocks. So Bear Rock is a very large outcropping of granite that was shaped by the glaciers, has cliffs and is known to have caves. Currently, the plan, and let me back up. When I had the opportunity to go with some contractors from Northern Pass to look at a well in the aquifer route that the line might effect, they wanted to show us exactly where the transmission station was going to go. It was directly on top of the granite outcropping region known as Bear Rock. So that's where the transmission station will be. I suspect that there are many such sites along the 180-mile route. Sites that are worth preserving, well known to locals, that will be destroyed like the spring in Riverside and perhaps Bear Rock, out of either total disregard or just not knowing. So in 30 years when we have far graduated from needing resources from power lines and when it will be deemed an archaic method, I fear that New Hampshire will have lost its one true advantage and that is of its natural beauty due to this shortsightedness, and that would be a real pity so please bury it along the routes. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment. The commenter's opinions are noted regarding the adequacy of visual impact analysis. The rationale for the viewer experience ratings is explained in Section 2.4.2.4 of the Visual Impact Assessment technical report.

This comment concerns visual impact information submitted by the project applicant that was submitted to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee, not the current EIS. Key observation point (KOP) LA-2 is from the Weeks State Park overlook. There are 15 existing structures that are visible. If Alternative 2 is constructed there will be a total of 34 visible structures (PSNH and Northern Pass; see Table A-8 in the Visual Impact Assessment technical report). There are points where greater than 200 structures potentially are visible, but the structures are not visible from most of Weeks State Park because of topography and forest cover.

Yes. Thank you very much. Glenn, thank you. I am for the record Rebecca More. Mr. Mills, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Mills, your colleagues, I'm speaking on behalf of the Weeks Lancaster Trust. I speak regarding the Draft EIS, specifically, prepared on the proposal of the Northern Pass to lay two new above-ground power lines through over 150 miles of New Hampshire's historic and beautiful landscape. We know this is a protracted process at both the federal and the state level, and I'd like to thank the DOE team, Kaitlin is some place around, and Travis and everybody else for the review work that you have done on this project to date. Many of us here in New Hampshire remember the significance of the Weeks Act of 1911. We remembered that the state was degraded by the actions of profit-making timber companies. The New England Homestead, the most widely read magazine in New England, referred to those companies as the boa constrictor of the mountains, crushing the well-being of the state for the profits of a few. We remember the painstaking incremental process which led to the reclamation of the forest lands and habitats from the Canadian boarder to the shores of the Lakes Region. The White Mountain National Forest is the beautiful result of all of those efforts, as well as both the northern and the southern sections. People from around the world come to enjoy what our ancestors worked so hard to conserve and in some measure restore. The Weeks Act was a collaborative grass roots effort supported by many people, just as today. For many here tonight, there is a new serpent in our Eden, this time bearing the face of the Northern Pass. The Draft EIS lays out clearly the Alternative 4 A, burial along the transportation corridors, is the only one which would represent a genuine investment by Northern Pass in the long-term well-being of our state's assets. Its environment, its habitat, human activities, historic and cultural landscapes from prehistory to the present. Sadly, Weeks State Park given to the state in 1941 by my grandfather Sinclair Weeks and his sisters, overlooked the proposed transmission line. The property was given to the state for the recreation and enjoyment of all and also as a reminder of the purpose and the benefits of the Weeks Act. Thousands of visitors from around the globe come to enjoy the extraordinary panoramic views from Monadnock up near Colebrook to Moosilauke near Benton. From Mount Washington itself, Weeks State Park and Israel River are easily visible. I will submit to you detailed comments in writing on the Draft EIS. With reference, for example, to the too narrow APE and other issues. However, I wish to point out tonight that all of the documents that I have reviewed to date submitted to the DOE regarding the impact of this proposal on the viewshed from Weeks State Park are inaccurate, inconsistent, and misleading. One example will suffice. The submitted materials claim that only 8 towers will be visible from the park, when in fact the number of 90 to 115 towers is approximately 219. I trust that your team will subject these materials to meticulous analysis and review. If the Weeks State Park materials are inaccurate, inconsistent and misleading, then as a teacher, I can say undoubtedly others are as well. We are counting on your team to hold the Applicant accountable and to the highest possible standards. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Thank you. For the record my name is Bruce Brekke, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to address this committee and also thank you for the extra minute. I'd like to read my statement now. My name is Bruce Brekke. My wife and I are property owners in Whitefield and we are 3000 foot abutters to the existing power right-of-way. We are against the proposed Northern Pass that will permanently ruin the viewshed in the North Country of New Hampshire, the town of Whitefield and especially our scenic property view from the rear of our house where over 20 towers would be visible looking to the northeast. Frankly, I find it somewhat puzzling to be standing once again in front of a panel of intelligent people making another similar statement of why the Northern Pass project should be buried, alternative 4 A, or abandoned, Alternative 1. One would think, including myself, that I must be crazy. It is reassuring to know that if I am, then hundreds of others must also be. Who's watching and who is listening? The DOE and the SEC must go through mountains of testimony, facts and opinions and weigh them with the wisdom of Solomon. Who could imagine their strength. The Northern Pass has stated many times, we are listening. Maybe they are, but not with their undivided attention. If they were, they would hear an overwhelming majority of voices calling for the power lines to be placed underground. Maybe they chose to ignore it. The Northern Pass also says that their latest Forward NH Plan is a balanced approach. Was it lopsided before? Ruining our beautiful state by planting ugly towers along part of the Northern Pass route instead of all of it is not balanced. It is wrong. One observation that I made in attending several of these meetings is that some commenters favor the Northern Pass, some speak out against the Northern Pass, and many oppose the towers of the Northern Pass and not necessarily the Northern Pass project. Those who are in favor of the Northern Pass rarely if ever, although I have heard one tonight, have expressed opinions on burials or towers. Would it be safe to assume that to them burial is okay? And if so, I wish they would say so. There are many of us here who do make the distinction, towers and no towers. And, finally, it's difficult for me to imagine that anyone would take pride in advocating permanent damage to the landscape of our beautiful state by placing high voltage towers that would be seen forever. I would think that they would be ashamed to admit to their children and their grandchildren that it was because of their actions the land was turned ugly. I would also like to say I do not think that it is in the best interest of the United States to intentionally rely on a foreign government as part of the energy plan. And for the record, to remind those of us who may not know, Whitefield will have a number of 69 towers in their 10.4 miles of stretch of the power line, if it goes through. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Hi, y'all. I'm Mary Wellington, and I moved here to New Hampshire because it felt like home. The beauty of the land, the mountains, the air, the people nourish me. No one ever said honey, let's go out and watch the sunset over the power lines. Okay? My property will be bisected by the Northern Pass. My 22 acres cut in half. Unlike the current power lines on my right-of-way, these new towers will be visible from every part of my property, overshadowing the pond and the gardens and my antique craftsmen that I've lovingly restored. It's going to destroy the value of my home. I've had real estate agents give me an appraisal, and they've all said, you know, you lost about 25 percent of the value here with the proposed Northern Pass. We don't even have them yet. Okay? As I made the choices for attending my land and home, I thought about doing the right thing. I thought about not just my needs but what would serve the earth, what would serve the community. I found that by investing in geothermal heat I was able to have a more comfortable life and a cheaper life, a more economically feasible and a lighter carbon footprint. I've invested in a hundred percent electric car, and I plan to put up solar panels to power all of my energy needs. This is me, one person doing this. It all comes out very well for me. I save money and I'm more comfortable, and I'm doing the right thing. The Northern Pass has an opportunity to do the right thing now. It will make little difference that to ensure a steady energy supply for a country that's been devastated environmentally. If the concern is to create a steady and stable power supply, whether we need it or not, wouldn't investment in renewable energy like solar power and wind power be a better choice? The Northern Pass clearly thinks a profitable proposition is being made here for them. Somebody is going to make money off of this, but let's look at the profit, who wins and who loses. The profit's only available by eroding the value of our personal land and degrading our state and the economy that depends on the natural beauty of the region to draw in visitors. This could be prevented by moving the line. I love the suggestions people made to 91 or 93 where it's already got a corridor. At the very least, you need to bury it. If it's affordable to bury the lines for some, why not for all. How can you choose. How can you say do these people get to not have to look at towers but you do? I don't feel that's a very fair and reasonable proposition. A right-minded solution for power for the future would be one that's good now for the people here and good later and good in the far distant future for our grandchildren. We need to be able to hold our head up to them. So I say let's stop the Northern Pass or at the very least the lines with care. Thank you for pointing that out. And modify or deny the Presidential permit. Thank you.

My name is Sally Pratt. I've been in the real estate business in this area for over 40 years so I didn't really plan to speak but today as I was coming here I figured well, I kind of have to. First of all, I want to thank you for listening to what must be a lot of repetitive things, but the message is here from the people, even if it's repetitive. I'd like to comment on the land that's put under use with the US Forest Service and other conservation things was put under for the enjoyment of the people in the area and for the pleasure of doing it. We do allow logging on it which I agree with that. I think it's great for our economy, but cutting up the land in pieces running through it with power lines, I don't feel was the intended use. The land was purchased with tax money and some of the land was donated by people. I think it will ruin something that we have in this particular area of the state if we do allow power lines to go through. The scenic vistas from places like Weeks State Park are going to be impacted. I know I hike in the southern part, well, not the southern part of the state but south of the Notch, and I think it's Kinsman I'm looking over towards, and you can see the cut there where a power line goes through, but they're much shorter towers than what we're going to be looking at. Every time I go over near Granby or go over Route 2 and see those horrendous towers that VELCO has put up, I shudder, and I don't think there's anybody here that wants to be looking at those. Property values are going to be impacted. I realize that people are being paid rights of way through their property, but it isn't just the property that the lines are going to go through and that the towers are going to be on, it's the adjoining properties. People are hesitating now to buy properties if they think there's any chance that they're going to be impacted by a view of the towers of Northern Pass, and some of these people haven't even seen the towers, but they are concerned. And I realize that the towns are going to get an increase in taxes maybe from these towers, but my understanding is that the value of what's installed is going to depreciate. So if the towns are counting on tax money, it's not going to be there forever and ever. I know money has been offered to various towns and various projects in the area to sort of mitigate maybe the impact, but why not use that money to bury these lines. And that would make a lot of people happy throughout the area if that could be done. I think that I would consider, like to have them consider burying it along the rights of way of the highway which are already impacted in our view lines, but I do feel that to have towers of the size that are being spoken of are really going to be a tremendous impact on the values of property up here and on the tourism which is right now one of our main economic factors in the North Country, and people are not going to be driving north if they see that the vistas are impacted. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

I'm Kevin Spencer from Stark, New Hampshire. I didn't have a written-out thing. I just had some comments. We've been dealing with this for a little bit. We have a project, a lodging campground that we've been in the process of putting together, and we have 3000 feet of this line that's supposed to run behind our property. Directly in view. Right now the towers, they're not towers, they're poles, and you don't see them from where we're at, from the trees or the property across our way that we don't own. I would like to say burying it would be a decent way to go about it, but in this area, we have water source that the local area survives on for their water and it runs right through this area. So I don't see it being able to go through this and be practical on one thing, and the other part, it destroys the view of the Percy Peaks from where we're at would be Upper Ammonoosuc River running right in front of us. So I have a hard time anyhow with giving up any more of our rights as Americans to foreign countries and allowing them to profit by us. We need more local, more made in the USA. Anyhow, Northern Forest Canoe Trail runs up through here. Everyone stops to see this. They'll be viewing this from wherever they stop so anyhow, we propose for them not to come through and feel that it will disrupt the area quite considerably. Thank you for your time.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. Thanks again for coming to hear our opinion of this dreadful proposal. My name is David Van Houten. I live in Bethlehem and you will remember from my comments in Colebrook on Monday that I disagree with the Applicant's contention that they have the right to build the project on my land. As I read the summary of the Draft EIS I felt that something was being left out. Paragraph S 3 spells out the project objectives which are diverse electric supply, low-carbon electric supply and nonintermittent electric supply. The primary project objective has been omitted and that is for Hydro-Quebec and Eversource to make a lot of money. This has guided their every move since day 1. The route that was first proposed cost the least to build and made the most money for the Applicant. The proposal before us now costs a little more and would yield slightly lower profits, but it's still very lucrative. The committee will not have failed to notice that this proposal was still rejected by the people of New Hampshire by, well, I wrote a 3 to 1 margin, but I think it's a little different right here right now. You have also heard that some of the opponents might be willing to settle for route that was completely buried along major corridors in ground that has already been disturbed. Coincidentally, this would line up with statements in the Draft EIS that the least environmental impact and greatest economic benefit to New Hampshire would come from this approach. The Applicant claims that it cannot afford such a project. According to the Montreal Gazette, Hydro-Quebec profits in 2015 were \$3.1 billion. That represents a lot of buying power when considering a project that will generate income for decades. I had hoped to see what might be called Alternative 7 A and 7 B, burial from Derby Line Vermont down I-91 to Hartford or I-91 to I-93. These are also developed corridors that are large enough to absorb a project of this magnitude. Instead, I see Routes 112 and 116 which are not big enough, and Route 3 barely qualifies as a major corridor. The idea to bury this in Franconia Village and Main Street Plymouth close by homes, schools and businesses is simply ridiculous. I've also not seen much discussion about the wisdom of building a project on our land that will funnel money out of the country. This money would be much better invested in American workers implementing energy efficiency and conservation measures and ramping up solar electricity capacity here in New England. Are the electrical workers who sometimes come to these meetings looking for jobs going to follow the money to Canada? It won't be here anymore. Will Eversource sell this project to Hydro-Quebec when it is all done? What will be the implications of that? How do we know that the electricity coming down from Quebec is this supposedly clean hydropower? There's nothing to stop Hydro-Quebec from building a thousand megawatt just north of the border to feed this line. Normally, I would draw this to a conclusion, but I can't because it just goes on and on. I hope you will decide that the no-build alternative is the best, and if you can't bring yourself to do that, please stipulate that the entire project be buried in a sensible fashion, and thank you very much for listening to all this.

My name is Ed Piatek. I live in Whitefield. I am one of the people that are going to be directly impacted by these atrocities they call towers. I live next to the cemetery, and when I first heard this project when I moved up here, I didn't know it was going to affect me when I bought my house, and come to find out that it is, but on a selfish basis, you know, I was thinking about how it impacted me, and rightly so, you know, from an economic standpoint and such, but looking at the whole picture, I am very disturbed by the fact that huge conglomerates can have an impact on the life of the people of New Hampshire. I'm from Connecticut originally, southern Connecticut, 35 miles out of New York City. I've been coming up to this state for 40 years on vacations each and every year and, I promised myself, I says some day I'm coming up to live in New Hampshire, the land of the free, the people that have an impact on the American way of life, only to find out that this huge conglomerate, Hydro-Quebec, has destroyed not only a way of life in Canada with Cree Indians but now is going to sit here and try to trample on our way of life. I don't think it's right. It's unacceptable. The only thing I have to say is that the people that are in the position of making the decisions of whether our life is kept intact here in New Hampshire or not, if they side with the way of the people, they could be elevated as heroes, and if not, I only have one thing to say. Shame on you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. I'm Mary Sloth. I live in Hanover, New Hampshire, now that we have retired to a retirement community, but we lived in Lost Nation, Northumberland, and we still have an inholding in the White Mountain National Forest which is 3.2 miles from the nearest road and 2000-foot vertical walk. There is no machinery permitted on this particular trail. So anyway, we, my husband was pointing out that we have the dubious distinction of being able to look down on these towers, lots of them in Northumberland, Lancaster, and as was pointed out by somebody a few minutes ago, also in Stark because this piece of land is in Stark and we also look north towards the Percy Peaks so that's where we'd be going with the Northern Forest canoe trail area. To me, the option 4 A down the interstate and buried 100 percent but even better would be an option to bury it under 91 which would go directly from Canada to where they need it, and apparently they feel they need it there and we do not need this energy here. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you. I wasn't planning to speak tonight, but I can't remain silent on this. Despite being a teacher, I'm terrified of speaking in front of people. I own a home in Lancaster, New Hampshire. I run, bike, ski and hike the roads and trails that will be impacted by Northern Pass. I have studied environmental issues and environmental campaigns throughout my entire career. I have a master's in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. I spent 6 years working towards a Ph.D. in environmental history, studying the history of land conservation and environmental campaigns in the North Country and in this region, and I've taught environmental science and natural resources to students in middle school, high school and college over the last ten years. My father worked for PSNH, now Eversource for 37 years. From 1965 to 2002 he was a lineman. So he was the guy that was on call working all night long during the ice and the wind storms in a bucket truck out on live wires to turn your lights back on, and I remember all those calls in the middle of the night as a child when he would go out to do that work. So five years ago when the Northern Pass issue became an issue, and I'm curious how many people in the audience were here, have been attending these hearings for the past five years since March of 2011? Yes. I remember the first one. It was on my birthday five years ago. So five years ago when this started, my father told me that he wasn't surprised by this at all. That for 25 years, PSNH, from five years ago, 25 years, PSNH, now Eversource, had been planning to propose a project like this in order to have control of this transmission corridor because it would be so profitable for them. So I'll just share my statement that I've scribbled during the break time here. I support Alternative 1. No action. Overhead transmission lines will have too many adverse impacts on our landscape, tourism, property values, health and sense of place. However, burial of the lines is not a panacea, and it would result in equally if not greater adverse environmental impacts and well as scenic impacts on roadways due to blasting, clearance of vegetation and construction of access roads along highways. The project is not necessary and has only been pursued by Eversource because of ownership of the transmission lines will be obscenely profitable for the company. If the energy were needed, it should be transmitted through existing or proposed corridors in Vermont and New York. However, I have no doubt that an equal amount of energy and jobs could be generated by investing in energy conservation strategies and truly renewable sources that do not flood Canada's boreal forests and First Nation lands. I oppose the Northern Pass project in its entirety. A Presidential permit should not be issued for a project designed solely for the profitability of a private corporation at the expense of the citizens of New Hampshire, a majority of whom vehemently oppose the project as proposed. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your comment.

My name is John Colony. I live in Sugar Hill. I had not planned to speak tonight, but there's always room for new information. George Orwell wrote, the proles and the animals are free. Prole being short for proletarian, and my concern is the difference between a citizen and a prole. You've seen with the Supreme Court, for example, a serious pro-business vent so between Citizens United and McCutcheon, we have seen the power of the individual voter undermined. The Democrats with their superdelegates have undermined this. There was an article in the Union Leader, an opinion piece, on the battle with Apple, and one of the points made in that article was how much information private companies have about us. We don't realize how much we have given up, and we don't realize how little assumptions are changing our viewpoints on how we deal with issues like Northern Pass. For example, I became aware through working with computers of the boxtop warranties with end user license agreements. What they have become now is pernicious. Looking at the user agreement you click on to listen to I Heart Radio owned by Clear Channel, among other things you promise them is even if you discontinue your subscription and you're no longer getting any services from them, you are still obligated to defend them in a court of law for as long as you live. People don't read those. They don't realize that this is what the business and citizen community is becoming. So I just want to mention that in the hopes that you might come to understand my viewpoint on some of the assumptions that we have. While we're sitting here listening we don't think of Northern Pass as harshly as we might because of all the assumptions that we have come to and accept without thinking about it. I vote that you choose no action on Northern Pass and that you choose citizen instead of prole. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

Good evening. I'm John Amey from Pittsburg, and I didn't intend to speak tonight but after the meeting in Colebrook, I was totally, totally upset with Eversource and their recent donation to the Balsams project, to Mr. Otten. Mr. Otten has come out in favor of Northern Pass. He's going to receive \$2,000,000 with no strings. And while in the beginning five years ago I was totally opposed to Northern Pass, then two years ago I was willing to compromise and go with the full burial, as of tonight, right now, it's back to alternative 1. No pass. Thank you.

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I'm Holly Gray from Pittsburg, and I agree with John Amey. No Northern Pass. And I'm with Alternate 1, no Northern Pass. We don't need it, we don't want it. It's just going to ruin everything for a foreign country and Eversource's greed. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment.

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Thank you for your comment.

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My name is Henrietta Howard and I'm from Lancaster, NH, 28 yrs.

For 5 years , N. Pass , you have been saying that MA, CT, and RI need more electricity. THAT IS NOT TRUE !! RI is laying an uKnder-water electric cable from Block Island to Quonset Point. The Maine Greenline reaches out to MA, RI, and CT with a buried land line. Another bidder is Maine Power Express, offering a 100% buried line to Boston. NH doesn't need electricity, because we export it. VT is putting in its own buried system.

TransCanada owns Moore Dam in Littleton, NH. It is running at only 5% capacity. TransCanada is based in Calgary, Alberta. It is owned by Chinese investors . America is becoming owned by foreign countries piece by piece ! We are losing America !

Peak demand for all New England in 2015 was forecast to be 28,395 MW's . That's 2,255 MW's higher than actual use in 2014.

Allegedly, several plants in New England are being closed down, including the one on the Bethlehem / Littleton line. It is running at 5% capacity. People are conserving their electricity.

A related issue - You, N. Pass, want a permit to bulldoze ⁵²~~10~~ miles through our White Mt. Nat'l. Forest. Certain areas of that forest do not allow local people to 'sugar' there. Why should an exception be made for a foreign government to destroy part of our protected, federal forest ?! *Some of us recall the 1998 Ice storm, that crumpled the 135 ft. metal towers in Quebec. It can happen again.*

Let's look at your Canadian record . You have flooded millions of acres of ancestral lands of the First Nation people, as stated by a Senior Manager of HQ . You have been destroying their culture and livelihood . You flooded a Chadian River , knowing a herd of elk was crossing the river . Most of them drowned !

A former Canadian man told me a farmer grazed his cattle around the Quebec towers they couldn't give milk! He moved them to another area + they gave plenty of milk! →

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That's just 1 effect of the environmentalism
from the towers!
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Who is going to pay for this \$80 billion project?! Us ! The
The ratepayers ! Why won't HQ divert its \$12 billion in profits
~~since~~ ⁱⁿ 2011 to bury the entire project ?

N.Pass claims our rates are going to go down. How can they ?
That isn't what Eversources's competition says . On Eversource².com
it was stated that it's CEO got a \$1.3 million raise !

As for the jobs you talk about - they will be short-term and
most will go to Canadians, who have the construction expertise.

This project is NOT NEEDED ! It's only purpose is to enrich
the N.Pass administrators and the Province of Quebec, who owns HQ .
Perhaps this is 'payback' for the closing of the Thetford Mine in
the 1970's ?

Don't construct your 135 ft. towers or bury your electric lines.
We object to the taking of American property for the private use and
profit of a foreign government !

BURY YOUR WHOLE IDEA !!!

Petition - I was able to get 200 signatures from Lanc. residents,
who are completely against the towers and trenches.
This project needs the permission of each Board of Select-
men in each NH town.

(petition + c/c
of speech to
D.O.E.)

Lancaster, NH Citizens' Petition
Re: Northern Pass

Fall
2015

To: Department Of Energy in Washington, D.C.

As residents and voters of Lancaster, NH, we want to make it very clear to Northern Pass, that we are totally against them building electric towers and burying ANY electric cables, anywhere in our state.

After some research, it has been determined there is absolutely NO NEED for a new (international - Hydro-Quebec-Eversource) electric transmission system in the state of New Hampshire.

Also, the construction of this unnecessary project will destroy our tourist trade, which is all we have left in the economy of NNH. This project will also destroy wildlife habitat, terrorize the wildlife, destroy the environment, and provide only a few short-term jobs for people of NNH that might be trained for that work.

We insist that HQ - E cease and desist any further on this project. Their ONLY interest is reaping \$80,000,000,000.

✓ = registered voter

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	163. Jennifer Parent	J Parent	11/9	170 Middle St
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	166. Gloria Lambert	Gloria Lambert	11/9	71 Water St
✓	167. Matthew Down	Matthew Down	11/9	24 Mechanic St.
✓	168. Sander Resorauer	Sander Resorauer	11/9	27 Ocean St
✓	169. Valerie Eniswald	Valerie Eniswald	11/9	103 Mt Prospect Rd
	170. Dorothy H. Perry	Dorothy H. Perry	11/9	Pastland St.
	171. Felicia McKeane	Felicia McKeane	11/9	600 Main St.
✓	172. Tiffany Parks	Tiffany Parks	11/9	107 Summer St
✓	173. Tricia Frenette	Tricia Frenette	11-9	96 Ridge Hill Rd
	174. Kelly O'Grady	Kelly O'Grady	11/9	Main St
	175. Todd Bennett	Todd Bennett	11/9	main st
✓	176. Alan Lambert	Alan Lambert	11/9	Prospect
✓	177. Joanne Lambert	Joanne Lambert	11/9	Prospect
✓	178. Sandra Hart	Sandra Hart	11/10	main
✓	179. RONALD W CRANE	Ronald W Crane	11/10	

Order	Name (Print)	Name (Write)	Date	Street
	180. Shaheen Goddard	Shaheen Goddard	11/10	362 Main St
✓	181. Maliaka Sheridan	Maliaka Sheridan	11/10	" Same "
✓	182. William Savage	William Savage	11/10	PO BOX 124 LANCASTER
✓	183. Betty Reed	Betty Reed	11/10	P.O. Box 81 LANCASTER
	184. Tiffany Brown	Tiffany Brown	11/10	88 Main St LANCASTER
	185. Hunter Gonyer	Hunter Gonyer	11/10	Prospect St
✓	186. Diane McFarland	Diane McFarland	11/10	North Rd.
✓	187. Ann Gilbert	Ann Gilbert	11/10	Elm St
	188. Nick McMahon	Nick McMahon	11/10	Water St
✓	189. Kevin M. Sullivan	Kevin M. Sullivan	11/10	Elm St.
✓	190. George Adams	George Adams	11/10	Winter St.
✓	191. Wyatt D. Thompson	Wyatt D. Thompson	11/10	29 Fletcher
✓	192. Heather Vermette	Heather Vermette	11/10	4 William St
✓	193. Patricia Finn	Patricia Finn	11/10	28 Mechanic St
✓	194. William Finn	William Finn	11/10	28 Mechanic St
✓	195. Stacey Zemls	Stacey Zemls	11/10	17 Winter st.
✓	196. Michael W. Phillips	Michael W. Phillips	11/10	312 Elm St
	197. ROB CHRISTIE	Rob Christie	11/10	155 Mt Prospect Rd
	198. Patricia Doherty	Patricia Doherty	11/14	26 Harmon Dr
✓	199. Linda Ogle	Linda Ogle	11/14	Bernside
✓	200. Patricia McLean	Patricia McLean	11/14	Pleasant
✓	201. McLEAN	Patricia McLean	11/14	Pleasant
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