From: Gail [mailto:gailmatson@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 7:30 PM

To: jacedes@comcast.net

Cc: Baia, Carlos

Subject: Re: NORTHERN PASS

Dear Jacedes.

The sub-committee voted unanimously tonight to sent a interim report to the council to request the lines be buried in Concord and to request the city solicitor to file for intervener status for the SEC (State of NH Site Evaluation Committee.)

It should be noted that the sub committee, and the council itself does not have the power to dictate terms to the SEC and the Federal Govt. however we can file for intervener status and request what we feel is best for the Clty, with hopes that we will influence the decisions being made.

Thank you for your Interest and concern . I will forward your e mail to the city for it to be added to the data collected to date on the matter.

From: jacedes@comcast.net
To: gailmatson@comcast.net

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2015 12:06:09 PM

Subject: NORTHERN PASS

PLEASE take the stance that these lines must be buried.

From: "Lynn" < turtlpond@comcast.net>

To: gailmatson@comcast.net, cccwhite@aol.com, markcoan@tds.net,

dansthilaire@comcast.net

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2015 10:50:45 AM

Subject: Northern Pass

Dear Members of the Northern Pass Committee,

I am concerned with the proposed Northern Pass Power lines which are proposed for the Concord area.

Whatever incentive Eversource is offering to mitigate the impact of the huge northern pass power lines through Concord, it will never be enough to offset the impact on property values to those citizens within physical or visual distance of these towers. NH and the Concord area are known for the natural beauty which generates tourist dollars, and which is why we enjoy living here. Neither citizens or visitors want to have their views destroyed by these massive towers. The technology exists to bury the lines and Eversource would continue to make a profit forever. The impact on property owners, Concord, and the state of NH would also be forever, as the value of homes and the beauty of our city and state plummet.

Sincerely, Lynn Pettengill 99 Appleton St. Concord NH 03301 From: "Matson, Gail" < GMatson@ConcordNH.gov>

Date: October 5, 2015 at 6:35:59 AM EDT

To: Susan Woodard < smwoodard 14@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Petition to request burial of the Northern Pass Transmission Line through

Concord

Dear Ms. Woodard,

Thank you for the information . The petition will be added to the data currently collected . We will be meeting today at 4:15 in a working session to draft parameters of an interim report to the council for the October Council meeting. Today's meeting will be open to the public but no testimony will be taken.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 4, 2015, at 7:51 PM, Susan Woodard < <a href="mailto:smwoodard14@gmail.com">smwoodard14@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

Dear Council Subcommittee Members:

This email is to notify you that as of today 633 people have signed the above referenced petition and these signatures will be submitted for your review.

An overwhelming majority of people were most willing to sign our petition. Unfortunately, a surprising number of Concord residents that we visited were unaware of the extent of the changes proposed to the transmission lines in Concord. Additionally, others did not sign the petition because they are opposed to this transmission line in any form.

We request that you consider the above petition and recommend that the City Council intercede on behalf of these petitioners and recommend burial of the Northern Pass Transmission Line through the City of Concord.

Yours truly,

Susan Woodard 13 Edward Drive Concord, NH 03301

From:

Susan Blossom <susanblossom@me.com>

Sent: To:

Sunday, October 04, 2015 10:25 AM \* Community Development

Subject:

Northern Pass

I am a resident of Ward 10 and support the burying of Northern Pass transmission lines through the entire state but especially through Concord where they will be in close proximity to homes. The engineering exists to bury the lines through the White Mountains and under Lake Champlain and should be buried throughout our state to preserve its natural beauty.

Recently Gov. Hassan was quoted as saying "New Hampshire's natural resources and beauty are critical to our high quality of life and our economy, a defining characteristic of what makes our state a special place to live, work and visit." We must work to keep our state and communities this way.

Sue Blossom
205 Mountain Road
Concord, NH
Sent from my iPhone
Sent from my iPhone
Sent from my iPhone

From: < sajerickson@comcast.net>

**Date:** October 4, 2015 at 7:17:50 AM EDT **To:** Dan St Hilaire < <u>dsthilaire@concordnh.gov</u>>

Cc: <<u>cbouchard@concordnh.gov</u>>
Subject: pipeline info for you

Hello Dan,

I am one of your constituents at 51 Oak Hill Rd Concord. I wrote you before in regard to a matter involving large unmarked trailers on East Concord roads. Since I live right near Turtletown Pond I am also Very concerned about the Northern Pass. I have signed a petition to show how much I am against the proposed wires above land and so close to residents.

Today I want to make sure you are aware that there will be a continuous buzzing sound forever (from the wires)...that all of us who look to that area for its serenity and nature conservancy will have to endure on top of lowered property values. My daughter is a chemical and environmental engineer and she understands how these things work. I'm not even sure people living right next to the wires realize there will be constant noise pollution and the company has not told us up front. I have gone to their informational meetings.

I am prepared to call everyone in East Concord or write letters to the Concord Monitor, if necessary, to inform them of this truth most people are not aware of. It is wrong to let this go through on top of land in our area and I need you to step up and back us up. We resent being taken advantage of. Most noteworthy is the fact that this electricity is meant to be a conduit for use in other places not NH. Please think this through carefully and make the right moral and ethical decision. I expect you to make copies of this email and inform other committee members of these facts at your "work" meeting on Oct. 5th.

Thank you, Susan Erickson

From: Ayres, Sharon [mailto:Sharon.Ayres@leg.state.nh.us]

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:40 AM

To: \* Community Development

Subject: northern pass

To whom This may concern: I would like to voice my concern over the Northern Pass proposal which will pass through Concord. I live in East Concord and will be very much affected by the Northern Pass. I do not want the Northern Pass at all, however, if Concord has to have it I want all the lines buried as they were in New York and Vermont with similar projects. Thank you. Sharon Ayres

From: Barbara Linder < barbara.linder 7@gmail.com>

**Date:** September 28, 2015 at 3:24:04 PM EDT

To: <gmatson@concordnh.gov>, <csbouchard@concordnh.gov>, <dsthilaire@concordnh.gov>,

<a href="mailto:smcoen@concordnh.gov">mcoen@concordnh.gov</a>>
Subject: Northern Pass

To Councilors Gail Matson, Candace Bouchard, Dan St. Hilaire, and Mark Coen:

We are writing concerning the potential impact of the proposed Northern Pass project on the City of Concord. We live in East Concord, and have lived there for more than thirty years. We often go to the Turtletown Pond Conservation Area located on Oak Hill Road. We go there to enjoy the scenic view, to watch the birds, and to enjoy the peace and quiet. As you may know, Eversource has a right of way across part of the conservation area for its electric transmission lines. Some of the towers appear to be at least 40 feet tall.

We are concerned about the environmental impact on the Turtletown Pond Conservation Area and the scenic view if Eversource increases the number of towers and the height of the new towers. We hope that your subcommittee and the City Council will include this concern in your evaluation of the potential impact of the proposed Northern Pass project on the City of Concord. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Alan and Barbara Linder 11 Kearsarge Street Concord, NH 03301 603-225-6539 From: "Bill" < billschaffer50@hotmail.com >

To: gailmatson@comcast.net

Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2015 9:57:48 AM

Ms Matson,

I realize is there very little chance of stopping the Northern Pass, but I feel very strongly that it should be buried throughout New Hampshire, especially the Capital of Concord. We just spent 10 plus million dollars renovating and updating the Downtown area to attract visitors and new business. Do you think anyone will be impressed if they look up and see these eye sore towers from Main Street? I have lived in Oak Knoll Estates for 25 years and are certainly aware of the lines that run behind our neighborhood and thru Turtle Pond. To increase the size of the poles and the amount of current would ruin the beautiful country that we enjoy in Concord. I can just imagine driving north on 93 seeing these towers 50 ft above the tree line. Not impressive to me. Also, this is bound to decrease property values for all of East Concord as well. I know I would not buy a house in an area with these lines. I'm sure if you listen closely you will here the Buzz as well, that won't be the birds humming. Everything about this project is a negative to our community so I implore you to insist that Eversource bury these lines. Eversource doesn't care about the impact to the environment, the people they affect, or the future of our community, just the profits earned from these lines. Other states have buried the lines, New Hampshire can too.

Thank you for reading this,

Bill Schaffer 34 Irving Drive Concord, NH 03301 From: Stevens, Suzanne On Behalf Of \* City Manager Office

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 8:32 AM

To: 'Jack Watts'

Cc: Baia, Carlos; Herschlag, Allan; 'Amanda Grady'; Sexton, Amanda; Aspell, Thomas; Bonenfant, Janice; Brent Todd (BrentToddConcord@gmail.com); Bouchard, Candace; Candace White Bouchard (cwbouchard@aol.com); chamby@comcast.net; Councilor Coen; Councilor McClure; 'Dan St. Hilaire'; St. Hilaire, Dan; Keach, Fred; Matson, Gail; Bennett, J Allen; J. Allen Bennett (jallenbennett@comcast.net); Jan McClure; 'Jim Bouley'; Keith Nyhan; Nyhan, Keith; Coen, Mark; 'Rob Werner'; Rob Werner (robwerner.uvm@gmail.com); Steve Shurtleff; Werner,

Subject: RE: BURIED ELECTRIC LINES ONLY

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watts:

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the Northern Pass and its impact on the City of Concord. The City Administration has shared these same concerns with the U.S. Department of Energy (see attached letter). In addition, the City Council has convened a committee which is reviewing the most recent plans for the Northern Pass. I have forwarded your concerns to the committee and the entire City Council. For more information about the City's Northern Pass Committee visit <a href="http://www.concordnh.gov/index.aspx?nid=1381">http://www.concordnh.gov/index.aspx?nid=1381</a>.

Sincerely,

## Sue Stevens

**Executive Assistant** City Manager's Office City of Concord 41 Green Street Concord, NH 03301 (603) 225-8570

From: Jack Watts [mailto:jlightbulb@yahoo.com] Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 3:11 PM

To: \* City Manager Office

Subject: BURIED ELECTRIC LINES ONLY

September 22, 2015

Thomas J Aspell, Jr., City Manager 41 Green St. Concord, NH 03301

SUPPORT for Northern Pass WITH BURIED ELECTRIC LINES ONLY Subject:

Dear City Manager Aspell, Jr.,:

Thank you for your consistent faithful service to our City. Thank you for the hours of dedication you pledge to the betterment of the City of Concord.

We humbly ask you to vote for permitting the Northern Pass electric lines to go through the City of Concord IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE EXISTING POWER LINES WITH BURIED LINES ONLY.

There is an important and real need for additional sources of energy in our City and State. This includes electric and natural gas.

Both electric rates and natural gas rates continue to rise due to the demand for both sources of energy and the lack of adequate sources of supply. Therefore, Northern Pass electric supply is needed as long as the process does not result in more detrimental effects to our city or state.

There are several potential detrimental effects to our city and state if Northern Pass is allowed to have expanded above ground electric distribution. One detrimental effect is the eyesore of having higher electric lines. Another detrimental effect is the potential hum as a result of the electric power going through the above ground lines.

A third detrimental effect is the potential of power outages and fires due to wildlife or branches falling across the exposed high tension lines. A fourth detrimental effect is the personal health issues related to high electric current within nearby residential neighborhoods.

According to Eversource, (Formerly Public Service of New Hampshire), Northern Pass is a division, partner, or subsidiary of Eversource. Eversource and Northern Pass are the primary beneficiaries of the new electric supply lines.

However, Eversource only has 58 customers in Concord, NH. This number includes street lights. In contrast, Unitil has 29,969 electric customers in the greater Concord area.

We cannot help wonder why our beautiful City which hosts our great State Capital is being asked to allow noisy, unsightly, and potentially dangerous above ground electric lines.

We also cannot help wonder why the City of Concord invests millions of dollars to upgrade the appearance and function of the downtown area only to consider having the outlining area downgraded in appearance and function through higher electric towers thereby adversely changing the skyline.

PLEASE be consistent with the beautification of our City of Concord by requiring ALL the new electric lines from Northern Pass to be buried.

Respectfully,

Jack and Meredith Watts 29 Ked Drive Concord, NH 03301

603-225-2532

# City of Concord, New Hampshire



Thomas J. Aspell, Jr. City Manager

## **ADMINISTRATION**

City Hall – 41 Green Street – 03301 (603) 225-8570 taspell@concordnh.gov

June 21, 2013

Mr. Brian Mills
Senior Planning Advisor
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Northern Pass Transmission Project EIS

Dear Mr. Mills:

On behalf of the City of Concord, New Hampshire, I am writing to express concerns the City Administration, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board have with the potential impacts of the Northern Pass Transmission (NPT) Project. We ask that the Department of Energy consider these concerns as the Environmental Impact Statement for the NPT is prepared.

- 1. We are very concerned about the potential impact the NPT will have on the City of Concord's character and property values as a result of the project's potential visual impacts. The visual impact of large pylons is of particular worry. (A study prepared by the Appalachian Mountain Club has found that not only would Concord be the municipality with the largest number of acres exposed to towers, but Concord would also have the highest number of visible towers per acre.)
- Some areas of the City of Concord could be severely impacted, including areas where the NPT route would follow existing rights of way in residential areas, where an increased number of towers would be visible, where towers would dominate the landscape, and where limited remaining visual buffers could be lost.
- 3. The City would like the high-voltage electrical transmission lines to be placed underground, especially when they are close to residential areas.
- 4. The City asks that the EIS include a thorough, in-depth assessment of the aesthetic and economic impacts of the NPT Project for the entire length of the transmission line within the City of Concord, including a parcel-by-parcel assessment of residential areas located adjacent to the route.
- The City asks that other alternatives be evaluated in the EIS, such as more attractive tower designs, shorter towers, and other tower configurations that would minimize visual impacts; as well as substantial visual buffers to mitigate visual impacts.

Mr. Brian Mills Re: Northern Pass Transmission Project EIS Page 2

We realize that this project is still in the early planning stages. However, I wanted to take advantage of the EIS scoping process to ensure that the City's initial concerns are considered by the Department of Energy as it prepares the Northern Pass Transmission Project EIS.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (603) 225-8570.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Aspell, Jr.
City Manager

#### Attachments:

- 1) Report to the Mayor and City Council from the Conservation Commission, 3/8/2013
- 2) Report to the Mayor and City Council from the Concord Planning Board, 3/17/2013

cc: Mayor and City Council

From: "Matson, Gail" < GMatson@ConcordNH.gov>

**Date:** September 21, 2015 at 6:37:52 AM EDT **To:** Chuck Dore < loghome 1995@yahoo.com >

Subject: Re: Northern Pass

Dear Mr. Dore,

Thank you for email. We will be having our next Northern Pass Subcommittee Meeting this Friday at 4:15. We. Will be adding your comments to the data received So far.

One of the questions to Eversource was relative to burying the lines. They stated that there were approximately 90 property owners they would need to get easements from to bury the line. We asked them to start contacting them. They stated they would be happy to meet with anyone who was interested in meeting with them. Thank you for contacting me I am pleased that so many Concord residents are weighing in on the Northern pass project.

I hope that you continue to stay informed and attend as many meeting on this issue as possible to provide your information and insight.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 21, 2015, at 6:18 AM, Chuck Dore < loghome 1995@yahoo.com > wrote:

Dear: Gail Matson

I live on 71 Snow Pond Road in East Concord and yes I own property that has an easement for Eversource.

I would just like to say that I am totally against the Northern Pass as it stands today, not only because it's going to decrease the value of my property, but also the amount of miss leading information that the Northern Pass keeps telling us all.

You say that you don't have the final say whether Northern Pass gets approval for the project, but you do have the ability to tell Northern Pass what the people of Concord want. I have no problem with burying the lines, which I told the Northern Pass people that came to my house.

Now I am letting you know what I want to see, please tell Northern Pass to bury the line along the whole route not just part of it.

Thank you Chuck Dore

From:

Scott Personal <schermerhornscott1@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, September 20, 2015 6:58 PM

To: Subject:

\* Community Development Northern pass

Dear Mr. Baia,

As a resident on Concord whose property abuts Turtle Town Pond I am very concerned about the Northern Pass plans at present. As I understand it the height of the towers going through Concord will be substantially taller than the current ones. I'm a realist and support the need for additional power sources. However to run massive towers through the capital of our state and along a beautiful pond which is a busy recreation destination for its citizens seems like a short sighted decision. Given all of the hard work that's going to beautify Concord why then put allow this project to install these massive eye sores? I have no problem with the overall project but feel that burying the lines that come through our capital is the only way it should proceed. It's simply the true cost of the project done right. I urge you to use your influence to make Northern Pass bury its lines.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott

Scott Schermerhorn 144 Oak Hill Rd Concord, NH 03301

Scott Schermerhorn

From: guyer6@comcast.net

To: JPBOULEY@comcast.net, gailmatson@comcast.net, cccwhite@aol.com, markcoen@tds.net,

dansthilaire@comcast.net

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 2:31:56 PM

Subject: Northern pass

Good Afternoon,

I will not be able to attend the meeting this afternoon however I did want to encourage you to please require that the lines needed to be installed through Concord be buried instead of allowing the proposed high voltage towers. Currently I cannot see the lines that run behind my house as they are lower than the tree line however the proposed lines will be visible not only from my house and others on my street but will also be visible from a canoe on Turtle Pond or from the Oak Hill tower.

We currenty live in a very scenic neighborhood and would like to keep it that way. Oak Knoll Estates has all utilities underground the addition of these towers will not only hurt the property values but will also reduce the wildlife that we often see in our backyards. The proposed towers will frighten away the wild turkeys, deer and other wildlife with the hum that is produced from the high voltage towers. I also have concerns regarding the pesticides that are used to keep the tower access free of growth in that it may run off and into the pond.

We understand the need for the additional electical lines. It has been stated by Eversource and Northern Pass that the cost would not be higher to bury the lines so please support those of us that are truely affected by your decisions today and require the lines be buried. Please keep our scenic neighborhoods in Concord in tact.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Carol Guyer 2 Edward Drive Concord, NH 03301

From: Sent: Lynn Woodard <lawwoodard@comcast.net> Tuesday, September 15, 2015 12:40 PM

To:

\* City Manager Office; \* Community Development

Subject:

Northern Pass

Today I write to you for the sole purpose of stating my objection to the Northern Pass/Eversource proposed construction of new aboveground AC power lines through the City of Concord. These proposed lines will exceed the height of the existing power lines by a magnitude of two, to two and a half times and stand up to 120 feet tall. My wife and I have been residents of Concord for the past 36 years and have enjoyed its progressive nature. The city's Conservation Commission has been aggressive in acquiring property to allow areas to remain undeveloped to provide aesthetically pleasing recreation areas for its citizens. According to an Appalacian Mountain Club (AMC) report, our city will be the most visually impacted of the thirty-one communities the proposed lines will travel through. The report graphically illustrates that approximately 10,000 acres within the city will be exposed to these new towers.

The proposed steel structures will far exceed the height of existing tree lines and are anything but aesthetically pleasing. Once in place there will be a scar through the city proper from its northern border to its southern border for the next 50 years or the foreseeable future. Is this what the city council wants for our community? It is certainly not what the citizens that live in the vicinity of the proposed lines want.

I am requesting the City's Northern Pass/Eversource committee recommend to the Council that they instruct Northern Pass/EverSource the proposed aboveground lines through our city are unacceptable. If the lines are to be located within the confines of the city, they should be buried.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Lynn A. Woodard 13 Edward Dr., Concord, NH

From:

Paul Conboy <graystonepgc@comcast.net> Tuesday, September 15, 2015 2:58 PM

Sent: To:

Muir, Donna

Subject:

no pass considerations

#### Northern Pass Committee Members,

Although I am not currently a Concord resident, I have lived in Concord or the Concord area for the past 40 years. I have worked and lived in several places in Concord including Alton Woods. I travel Rt. 393 and Loudon Road daily. I shopped at Shaw's, Home Depot, and the Shell Station across from Walmart yesterday and do so regularly - along with the mall and several other stores and restaurants in that area as it is has convenient access and provides ample parking. I've been swimming, fishing, skating, canoeing, and more on Turtle Pond and the Soucook River since 1970. I now live within 3 minutes of Loudon Road so I haven't gone far. I know this area and the people in this area. We have watched it develop over the years and have been pretty impressed with the results. Any critiques have been minor and more like suggestions or tweaks but I've never heard anything that even remotely resembled the widespread opposition to this proposal - and for good reason.

This line would not carry power for NH like the existing lines on the right of way [ROW]. It is a private, for profit project to bring power to the lucrative markets in southern New England - which would be fine if it were buried beside the interstate where it wasn't going to cause such problems or hardships with so many people, businesses, and natural areas along the way. The one and only reason they want this line in their own ROW is in order to monetize it for the transmission fees - which are astronomical. They could bury it by the highway but then they would have to share some of those fees with the state of NH instead of hogging it all for themselves. They claim under-grounding the line would make it uneconomical but the numbers tell a different story. Of the 50 - 100 people that I've spoken to personally in this area, not one is supportive of this overhead proposal. Everyone agrees that Concord and the rest of NH shouldn't be trashed or burdened with such industrialization just for the benefit of a private company from CT and a government utility from Canada. I think it's obvious that an overhead no pass WOULD have an unreasonable effect on aesthetics in Concord - whether at the Steeplegate Mall, Turtle Pond, or in residential areas or just where it will be seen towering over the tree line. It would obviously have a detrimental effect on property values and public health and safety whether from strong electro magnetic fields or tower fall zones encroaching into occupied areas. We know what's in it for Ever\$ource - Billions! What's in it for Concord? Some temporary property tax revenue which will depreciate over time? Just because they haven't sought abatements lately because they have been planning this project for a long time doesn't mean they won't after it's built. Look at how many abatements they have sought statewide to get an idea of their game plan. Any increase in revenue will be reduced or eliminated by property owners filing their own abatements. Also, the mall is in enough trouble without burdening it with this eyesore. We are trying to attract people, not scare them away. Ever\$ource claims that their new adjustments will meet with FAA approval but their last proposal was rejected by the FAA and I haven't heard of any new approvals since then. It doesn't make sense to build more obstacles around the Concord Airport anyway. Why should we limit our growth potential for their profits? If Concord is on record as being opposed to an overhead route, the FAA would probably follow suit.

I realize that Concord and this committee have no power to stop the proposed project or to force them to underground it but they can do the right thing for the people and businesses of Concord and all of NH by opposing an overhead proposal and recommending burial beside the highway where large scale transmission lines like this obviously belong. Why bury it just by the mall and airport and the White Mountains and the other places they want to bury it instead of just burying it all the way? Advances in technology have made underground the new normal for transmission lines of this magnitude and they are even mandated by law in Ever\$ource's home state of CT and are currently in wide use across New England. Why is Concord or any part of NH worth any less? At the recent public hearing with the SEC in Concord, someone asked why they weren't going to bury the line in Concord. Quinlan's reply was that they didn't

consider Concord or any place in NH outside the White mountains particularly scenic and that they hadn't heard otherwise from people here - to which the crowd loudly objected and some stood up and walked out. The state should share the revenue from an underground line with the affected towns and cities [like Concord] along the route. It's a win-win-win. Everyone wins with underground and NH isn't trashed and industrialized for the profits of the already obscenely rich. This proposal reminds me of the way some of our state leaders tried to sell us out on building that Onassis oil refinery on the seacoast as recalled in the article in the Concord Monitor on June 14th. http://www.concordmonitor.com/home/17269549-95/katy-burns-heres-your-inspiration-northern-pass-opponents

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please do your utmost for the people of Concord and the rest of NH that looks to Concord for leadership.

Sincerely, Paul Conboy From: Roberta Thompson < bertat0525@gmail.com > Date: September 15, 2015 at 10:43:00 AM EDT

To: jpbouley@comcast.net Subject: Fwd: Northern Pass

Hi Jim,

My name is Roberta Thompson and I have lived in East Concord for 31 years. I am not opposed to the Northern Pass project, but I am adamant about having the lines buried.

Here are my reasons for this field of thought:

- 1) Whether it be hiking, snowshoeing, hunting, walking, or simply driving here and about, the visual impact is of great importance. Though we are not in the White Mountain National Forest, the reason many of us choose to live in Concord is not only for the opportunities, school system, and community feeling. We love its beauty and would not appreciate, or find any value in adding 120 foot steel structures that extend far beyond typical tree height. Hideous!!
- 2) The second reason is mother nature. We have no control over her, and our climate changes have resulted in more severe weather conditions. Losing power due to high winds, lightning, snow, and ice has serious consequences. Do we need more interference with these natural phenomena?

Let's bury these transmission lines!

Thank you very much for consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely, Roberta Thompson East Concord Resident

From: Baia, Carlos

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 8:40 AM

To: Candace CW Bouchard - City Councilor (cwbouchard@aol.com); Coen, Mark; Matson,

Gail; St. Hilaire, Dan

Cc: Muir, Donna

Subject: Northern Pass: Communication from Susan Woodard

From: Susan Woodard [mailto:smwoodard14@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2015 6:58 PM

To: \* Community Development

Subject: Northern Pass - Concerned Citizen

Mr. Carlos P. Baia,

Deputy City Manager, Development

I am writing as a resident of East Concord for more than 26 years, to express my opposition to the construction of the above ground towers and overhead lines as proposed by the Northern Pass Project and in particular, through the City of Concord. The visual affects of these new lines will decrease nearby property values and place a permanent scar on the City of Concord for the foreseeable future. As presented by Mr. Quinlan at the public information session on Sept. 2, only Eversource customers will have a guarantee of decreased power rates and Concord residents, customers of Unitil, have no such guarantee.

It is my understanding that it is now required in several nearby states, including New York, Vermont and Connecticut that lines of this type be buried. This would eliminate power failures due to extreme weather and decrease health concerns related to installing a line that will more than double the transmission of AC power as now occurs in the two existing lines.

I respectfully request that the City Council and the Administration adopt the position of the affected taxpaying residents and <u>oppose the installation of these new above ground towers and lines</u> and encourage other options.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Woodard

13 Edward Drive Concord, NH 03301

From:

Baia, Carlos

Sent:

Monday, September 14, 2015 8:39 AM

To:

Candace CW Bouchard - City Councilor (cwbouchard@aol.com); Coen, Mark; Matson,

Gail; St. Hilaire, Dan

Cc:

Muir, Donna

Subject:

Northern Pass-Communication from Ellen Schaffer

From: Ellen Schaffer [mailto:ellen726@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2015 10:10 AM

To: \* Community Development

Subject: Northern Pass

Since we have very little chance of stopping the Northern Pass I feel very strongly that it should be buried throughout New Hampshire, especially Concord. We are the NH town that will be effected the most by site of this project. I have lived in Oak Knoll Estates for 25 years and are certainly aware of the lines that run behind our neighborhood and thru Turtle Pond. To increase the size of the poles and the amount of current would ruin the beautiful country that we enjoy in East Concord. This is bound to decrease our property values as well. I know I would not buy a house in an area with these lines. I also worry about the health of people who live so close to them. They bought their houses knowing the couldn't see the lines or have to worry about the effects of the smaller lines. Now Eversource wants to change their living conditions and most of them are not even Eversource customers. Since other states have insisted the lines be buried please support to the same for the beauty of New Hampshire and the health of its citizens.

Thank you

Ellen Schaffer 34 Irving Dr Concord, NH 03301 ----Original Message----

From: flynnconcord <<u>flynnconcord@comcast.net</u>>
To: CCCwhite <<u>CCCwhite@aol.com</u>>
Sent: Sun, Sep 13, 2015 7:52 pm

Subject: NorthernPass

Dear members of the Concord City Council ,

I Christopher Flynn of
18 Jennifer Drive Concord NH, live in a community at Turtle Pond Village.
Please know that the new taller transmission lines will affect not only my
view of the pond but I fear it will also decrease my homes values should I want
to sell my home. I ask the City Council to have to courage to stand up for its
tax payers and tell Eversource to bury the line.

I do care hope you do as well.

Chris Flynn

----Original Message----

From: teach123abc < teach123abc@comcast.net>

To: cccwhite < cccwhite@aol.com > Sent: Sun, Sep 13, 2015 4:04 pm Subject: Northern Pass Project

Dear Ms. Bouchard,

I am writing in regard to the Northern Pass Project. I live in East Concord and am very concerned about the proposed towers and how it will affect the value of my home and the natural beauty of Concord and surrounding towns. If the towers go in, I would be able to see the unsightly towers from the front of my house. I truly believe that the transmissions lines should be buried in its 8-mile path through Concord. I appreciate all that you could do to help fight the putting up of towers and fighting to have the transmission lines buried underground.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Sincerely, Marie A. Rieger 5 Irving Drive Concord, NH 03301 ----Original Message----From: pdtate <pdtate@comcast.net>
To: cccwhite <cccwhite@aol.com>
Sent: Sun, Sep 13, 2015 5:21 pm
Subject: Northern Pass

Dear Councilwoman Bouchard,

As a resident of Concord, and a potential "neighbor" of the Northern Pass towers, I strongly urge you to vote against this monstrosity proposed by Hydro-Quebec, which would be visible from my home and lower my property value. To the best of my knowledge, Eversource does not even service this area; we are serviced by Unitil. Despite providing minimal to no benefits to the residents of this town, these extremely huge and unsightly towers would mar the beauty of nearby Turtle Town Pond, as well as every home in Concord within sight.

Eversource is looking out for its own best interest, not the people of Concord or the rest of New Hampshire. As I understand the facts, this energy is to be sold to residents of Southern New England, and not the residents of New Hampshire. For that reason, I am against these lines no matter where they are placed, as I oppose the destruction of our natural beauty for the benefit of other states. I know of no one who wishes to visit our beautiful New Hampshire to see a giant Erector set scattered across out landscape.

If it must be built, it should be buried, no matter the cost. When the costs increase for any product or utility, the provider simply raises the rate or cost of the product to the end consumer. Let the recipients of this energy pay the costs.

Thank you for reading my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Tate

8 Edward Drive Concord, NH 03301-8626 (H)-603-225-0335

From:

Baia, Carlos

Sent:

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 8:44 AM

To:

Muir, Donna

Subject:

FW: Northern Pass visual simulations

Please post on the website as "Email from Kris Pastoriza of Easton, NH regarding NP visual simulations 4-29-15"

From: Baia, Carlos

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 8:43 AM

To: 'Candace CW Bouchard - City Councilor (cwbouchard@aol.com)'; 'Coen, Mark'; 'Councilor Matson'; 'Matson, Gail'; 'St.

Hilaire, Dan'

Subject: FW: Northern Pass visual simulations

From: Kris pastoriza [mailto:krispastoriza@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 7:11 AM

To: \* Community Development

Subject: Northern Pass visual simulations

Please pass this on to the Northern Pass study group.

http://www.northernpass.us/assets/viewscape\_booklet\_v2\_letter-sized.pdf

Ever\$ource's complaints about the opposition visual simulations are a completely dishonest attempt to discredit the opposition. Ever\$ource's own simulations are criminally misrepresentative.

Kris Pastoriza Easton, NH

From:

Baia, Carlos

Sent:

Monday, April 27, 2015 2:56 PM

To:

Candace CW Bouchard - City Councilor (cwbouchard@aol.com); Coen, Mark; Councilor

Matson; Matson, Gail; St. Hilaire, Dan

Cc:

Muir, Donna

Subject:

Email from Sandi Duval re Northern Pass

From: "Sandi Duval" < sandi@duvalteam.com>

To: <ipbouley@comcast.net>
Subject: Northern Pass

Date: April 24, 2015 at 9:57:18 AM EDT

Dear Mayor,

I am a homeowner and resident of Concord.

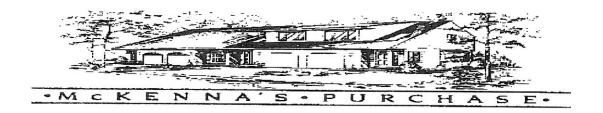
Please protect our city against Northern Pass.

My vote would be not to allow them at all,
however, if that is not an option please support that they
must bury these lines.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Sandi Duval
Owner/Broker
GRI, CBR, REALTOR
DUVALTEAM Real Estate - 5 Franklin Street - Concord NH 03301
603.848-4500



Councilor Gail Matson 7 Garvins Falls Road Concord, NH 03301

Subcommittee on Northern Pass

Dear Councilor Matson;

Let me begin by thanking you for Chairing this very important Committee that we all know will have a dramatic impact on our City. We at McKenna's Purchase feel that with already three power lines, a gas line, earthen berm and tree plantings, on this narrow 245 foot right-of-way, such a significant upgrade would have an incredible impact on our way-of-life and property values.

We have had numerous meetings over the last three years with Northern Pass lobbyists, engineers, etc., as well as, studies done in-house through our own Northern Pass Committee. One thing stood out: plans submitted by Northern Pass always had little resemblance to what would be possible and applicable on the ground. They all seemed to be Engineering Renditions with little focus on what is to happen with the berm, our mature tree plantings, the drain ponds (certainly there was a reason for their installation.) The more we have looked at it from the ground, the more only two possible options seem workable...bury the line or go back to the alternative route which Northern Pass themselves saw as the most practical option. Better yet, utilize the proposed energy corridor along existing highways, thereby funneling any income to state of NH rather than Eversource.

We would like to invite the members of the Committee, as a group or individually, to see firsthand the difficulties in this proposal. It would be invaluable to see the impact at ground level this would have on the McKenna's Purchase community. We appreciate the Committees request to have Eversource prepare a Virtual Scan of how the property would look after the installation. However, we believe that it's equally important to have the committee physically tour the property as it currently exists. It is also important to our 148 owners that this is done discreetly. This being played out in the public arena would be a great disservice to anyone contemplating the sale of their home.

Looking forward to hearing from you and, once again, thank you for all the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Patrick Chaloux, Secretary McKenna's Purchase