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Concord City Council
City Clerk's Office
City Hall
41 Green Street
Concord NH 03301

October 9, 2015

Re: Subcommittee on Northern Pass

Dear Council:

First off, we would like to express our sincerest thanks to the Northern Pass Subcommittee for their hard work, research and recommendations to the City Council pertaining to the Northern Pass Project. We are particularly honored that our councilor in District 8, Gail Matson chaired this committee and we feel her subcommittee's hard work and research viewed both sides of this project in order to find the best solution for all Concord area citizens.

As most of you are probably aware McKenna's Purchase has an existing right of way on the east side of the property and the reasons we are opposed to the Northern Pass Project are similar to that of all other property owners who have a ROW on their property.

- Property values / loss of Concord tax revenue
- Loss of health & safety (EMF's)
- Destruction / disturbance of our land and property
- Way of life
- View sheds
- Noise
- Overburdening of an already overburdened ROW
- High voltage transmission lines near a natural gas line
- Fall radius

In our particular situation the pole heights will have to be much higher than in other areas along the Concord Route as they need to traverse Loudon Road and since they promised to remove the lower lattice structure replacing with a taller monopole at the Northern Pass Subcommittee's September 15th meeting – the McKenna's view simulations the Northern Pass representatives provided became obsolete at the same time; coincidence? Also in these renderings they left all the vegetation that is currently there. We have no idea how they would bring in the large equipment needed without damaging the majority of our plants and trees.

We as a Board of Directors are looking out for our membership and have met with many Northern Pass representatives over the years and in all of our encounters with their representatives we never got a definitive answer. They always reply with a "we think, might, possibly, maybe, estimate or we'll have to get back to you on that". Which we recognize are the same answers to the subcommittee's questions as well.

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 / country 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 for Unutil customers to add 10% more to the electrical pool?

It seems the Northern Pass representatives have proposed the absolute worst case scenario and then, by burying a few miles, we are expected to be grateful and give them the go ahead – New Hampshire residents and elected officials are much smarter than that! We also see through the reason why they want to use the already burdened ROW's because they won't have to pay rent on any of the ROW's – if they use the state highways and / or interstates they will have to pay rent directly to the State of New Hampshire for as long as their line is productive. This is being done in Vermont and Maine. Why not New Hampshire?

As the subcommittee's testimonies made abundantly clear, citizens of Concord in the path of this project unanimously oppose the impact this will have on their lives. If it must come through our city, Northern Pass can and should bury it along roadbeds where damage will be minimal. It is clear that their reluctance is only because their shareholders well-being is of more concern than that of our citizens.

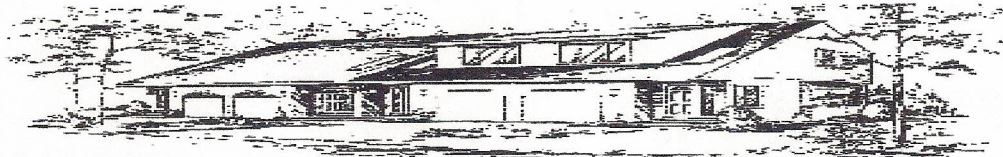
The Concord City Council has the very important responsibility to voice support for the citizens of Concord impacted by this project. Your voices will undoubtedly be heard as a city and the capital of New Hampshire along with other city(ies) and town(s) in the state who file for an intervening status with the Department of Energy and the Site Evaluation Committee.

McKenna's Purchase also holds an intervening status on this project with the DOE and we plan to file with the Site Evaluation Committee too, as we feel there are only two options from the draft Environmental Impact Statement that should be considered / recommended:

- 1) Alternative 1 NO ACTION
- 2) S.5.5 Alternative 4B

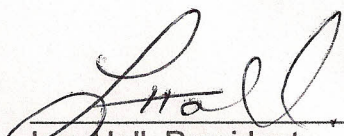
Thank you for all the hard work you and your committees are doing and we look forward to your response to the Northern Pass subcommittees recommendations.

Respectfully,
McKenna's Purchase Board of Directors

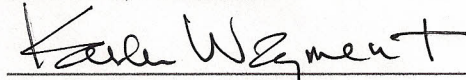


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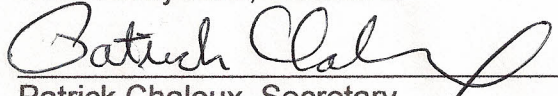
Submitted to the Concord City Council on October 9, 2015 on behalf of McKenna's Purchase Unit Owners Association.



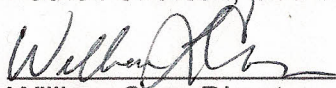
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