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1 FRAN WENDELBOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
2 and thank you for accommodating my schedule. I
3 am an elected official and I have a budget
4 meeting at 6:30 in Bristol. As a resident of
5 New Hampton, and I'm speaking personally as a
6 resident, not as an elected official, I support
7 Northern Pass because I believe it will be
8 reliable low cost power that is much needed to
9 our region today and tomorrow. The Northern
10 Pass project will bring 1200 jobs to our state
11 and for someone who may be out of work, one of
12 those jobs would not be sneezed at for being for
13 only a couple of years. Many communities will
14 benefit from substantial property tax relief,
15 tax relief that would be lost to state revenue
16 coffers in their spending if this project is
17 done on state lands as some suggest rather than
18 on private lands. The doomsday scenarios you
19 hear from the die-hard opponents are just that.
20 They are a lot of over exaggerated claims that
21 are meant to scare people and draw a link
22 between power lines and tourism and property
23 values. These opponents don't want anyone to

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1 know that we already have a DC power line
2 running through New Hampshire since 1986, and it
3 has not devastated tourism nor property values
4 or New Hampshire's special characteristics. In
5 fact, this existing DC power line runs very
6 close to where we are tonight in the heart of
7 the Plymouth Rumney Newfound Lake tourism area.
8 Opponents who are trying to kill the project are
9 emphasizing that this line must be buried the
10 entire length, as if they'd support it under
11 those conditions. They are calling for more
12 studies when they already know that our state
13 legislature set up a Commission about a year ago
14 to determine whether underground was feasible.
15 The 361 Commission through all the testimony
16 from industry experts and others came to the
17 conclusion that putting a line underground is
18 extremely complicated because of limited
19 technology, harsh terrain and environmental and
20 cost issues. Opponents are falsely stating that
21 other states are already putting DC lines in the
22 ground. The truth is these projects they refer
23 to in New York and Maine are currently only

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1 concepts. Nothing has been built. When it
2 comes to innovative energy solutions, I support
3 lots of options but I find it extremely ironic
4 that the groups shouting most loudly for putting
5 these lines underground are the very same groups
6 that helped put the wind turbines on top of New
7 Hampshire mountains three to four times the
8 height of the Northern Pass project right in the
9 heart of some of our most important tourism
10 areas. In fact, the 24 Groton Wind turbines
11 that are spinning above us not far from this
12 room were enabled by the Society for the
13 Protection of New Hampshire Forests. If not for
14 the Forest Society, the Spanish wind farm
15 developer, a private landowner in the state
16 striking a deal on a conservation easement as
17 part of the mitigation package those wind
18 turbines wouldn't be here. I have a close
19 friend who has three of them behind her house
20 and she hears a constant womp, womp, womp, and
21 to say nothing of the birds or eagles that have
22 been devastated and slaughtered. It's hypocrisy
23 and thank you very much.

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1 MODERATOR: Thank you for watching the time
2 for me as I was distracted. That should stand
3 pretty much as an example to what will happen at
4 the 3 minute mark.

5 JEANIE FORRESTER: Good evening. For the
6 record my name is Jeanie Forrester. I am the
7 Senator for District 2. I do have prepared
8 remarks but I just have to make one comment
9 before I go into those prepared remarks. I was
10 the Chair of the 361 Commission, and I can tell
11 you that what we found, the end result was
12 underground burial is something that we can do
13 and what we also found is that there was not
14 enough study done by Northern Pass to give us
15 the information we needed to make that decision.
16 So I just have to rebut the earlier comment.

17 As a State Senator from Distract 2, I
18 represent 27 municipalities in the State of New
19 Hampshire including 7 of the 31 municipalities
20 who are directly impacted by the latest proposal
21 from Northern Pass. On September 16th, I filed
22 a Petition with the Department of Energy on
23 behalf of my constituents to intervene in the

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1 matter of Northern Pass Transmission LLC's
2 Amended Presidential Permit application. So
3 tonight I'll keep my comments brief so that
4 others may have the opportunity to speak.

5 Northern Pass presents a clear and present
6 danger to New Hampshire's economic health. I
7 oppose the Northern Pass project because it will
8 and as importantly already has significantly
9 harmed New Hampshire's greatest economic asset,
10 our natural landscapes. Opposing Northern Pass
11 is about the protection of an image that is
12 engaged in our culture and in our economy.
13 These landscapes are our trademark. This
14 project will deter second homeowners and
15 retirees from the area, forever negatively
16 impact property values and will also negatively
17 impact our tourism economy, New Hampshire's
18 second largest industry. The Northern Pass
19 project is not in the best interests of New
20 Hampshire our citizens or our economy.

21 Constituents of District 2 have actively
22 voiced strong opposition to the project and have
23 urged me as their representative in the New

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1 Hampshire Senate to vocally and forcefully
2 oppose Northern Pass as proposed. Their voices
3 speak volumes about the importance of the
4 connections created here that you can't feel in
5 a more industrialized landscape. Voters across
6 Grafton and Coos County have further urged the
7 their representatives to take whatever actions
8 are necessary to assure that this proposed
9 project is never successfully permitted. The
10 project has failed to model or measure the
11 economic and environmental impacts of overhead
12 towers and lines and their zone of negative
13 impact through the heart of New Hampshire.
14 Therefore, I strongly recommend that the
15 Department of Energy include two or more
16 alternatives in the Environmental Impact Study
17 which require the complete burial of the
18 Northern Pass transmission line. It is clear
19 that burial of such facilities is where the
20 technology is moving. The federal legal process
21 will fail to adhere to the concerns of my
22 constituents if these alternatives have not been
23 thoroughly studied. Thank you.

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1 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
2 Jeanie. The moderator was distracted. First
3 I'd like to thank Fran for her comments as well.
4 Moderator now has a clock of his own. Edmond
5 Gionet.

6 EDMOND GIONET: Thank you, Mr. Moderator.
7 For the record my name is Edmond Gionet. I
8 represented Grafton 5 as a State Representative.
9 I am not associated with the engineering and
10 design of this project. I'm here to record to
11 you that the overwhelmingly, even though I was a
12 little suspicious of that with the group sitting
13 behind me, in my District support this project.
14 They support it the concept, in scope and they
15 also feel strongly that US, our nation was built
16 on the free enterprise system and therefore they
17 would like to see this project move ahead.
18 That's all I have to say. Thank you.

19 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
20 Next speaker, Jeb Bradley.

21 JEB BRADLEY: Good evening, sir. Thank you
22 very much. For the record my name is Jeb
23 Bradley. I have the distinct pleasure of

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1 representing Senate District 3 and for over 20
2 years have represented New Hampshire both in
3 Washington and in Concord, and in that 20 year
4 period I have never seen a project so
5 controversial starting with the applicant
6 indicating they would use eminent domain to take
7 people's lands for the towers to the point now
8 that they are failing to listen to the valid
9 concerns of property owners and hard working New
10 Hampshire families who you see represented in
11 this hall, who you saw last night in Concord,
12 who you will see in Littleton, who you will see
13 in Colebrook, whose property values and lives
14 are going to be adversely impacted by this
15 project. You as appointed officials, folks like
16 me as elected officials have to balance benefits
17 and costs. We've heard a little bit about the
18 benefits. There would be temporary job growth
19 in New Hampshire, but I dispute the finding that
20 my former colleague said that there would be
21 property tax benefits because virtually
22 everybody in this room that is affected by the
23 project will try to get abatements on their

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1 property taxes as Northern Pass lowers their
2 property values. The benefits if there are any
3 accrue to our neighbors in southern New England
4 who quite frankly would never allow this kind of
5 project in their backyard but think it's okay
6 for the scenic vistas of New Hampshire and
7 property values to be undermined in our state.
8 So it's our job to try to balance those costs
9 and benefits and you know what? Pretty easy to
10 do. The Environmental Impact Statement should
11 send a clear message. Unequivocal message.
12 Bury the lines. The reason I say that, it's
13 about the money. We all know it's about the
14 money. The people in this room whose property
15 values are going to be undermined, they have to
16 be treated with respect and with dignity.
17 They're not so far and folks like me are going
18 to have to stand up for them, and we will do
19 that as well as we possibly can. And other
20 states are exploring exactly what I'm talking
21 about, burying the lines, whether it's Maine or
22 New York or Vermont or New Mexico, it can be
23 done, it should be done. And it shall be done

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1 if you recommend an Environmental Impact
2 Statement that says bury the lines. You know, I
3 think everybody in this room knows the New
4 Hampshire icon, Robert Frost, once said, good
5 fences make good neighbors. Towers above the
6 treetops, I'm sorry, but they don't make good
7 neighbors. So send that Environmental Impact
8 Statement our way, the legislature will do its
9 job on the other 187 miles. Bury the lines.
10 Thank you very much.

11 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
12 Jeb. Next speaker, Tony.

13 TONY GUINTA: Yes. Thank you very much,
14 Mr. Moderator. I won't let you suffer through.
15 I'll make my last name's, pronounce it for you.
16 It is Tony Guinta. I am a former mayor from the
17 city of Franklin and I am now a City Councilor
18 from the city of Franklin, and I'm glad we ended
19 on that note of environmental impact because I
20 want to bring this whole conversation back to
21 the environment. It's been very frustrating for
22 someone like me who's been in favor of the
23 project to testify in favor of it when we got

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1 together two and a half years ago, how quickly
2 time flies, two and a half years ago in the city
3 of Franklin to see this project still at this
4 same set of this scoping committee. What I'd
5 like to do is try to emphasize the fact that
6 since that time a lot has changed and very, very
7 positive things have changed for your approval
8 of this project. As I'm sure you are aware,
9 President Barack Obama in June released his
10 carbon action plan, his climate action plan,
11 with specific steps for reducing the amount of
12 carbon in the United States. And also this past
13 Friday, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy released
14 an editorial to the Huffington Post that tried
15 to explain why the EPA will now come out and
16 make dramatic reductions in carbon emissions
17 from our plants in the United States. So
18 instead of me making my comments to you as
19 people in the audience will think those are
20 slanted. I would just as soon have them speak
21 for me. President of the United States and EPA
22 administrator. Gina McCarthy states. Power
23 plants emit one third of all the greenhouse gas

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1 emissions in the United States and 40 percent of
2 carbon omissions. This surpasses all emission
3 sources for industrial and transportation
4 sectors. Power plants emit more carbon
5 pollution than every boat, plane, train and car
6 in the entire United States combined. Twelve of
7 the hottest years on record in the United States
8 has occurred in the last 15 years. Twelve out
9 of last 15 years. There is near universal
10 agreement among all scientists that climate
11 change is human cost. As a result,
12 Administrator McCarthy states sea ice in the
13 arctic has shrunk to its smallest size in
14 recorded history. Property damage from climate
15 changes due to storms has resulted in \$110
16 billion dollars in property damage in 2012.
17 That's the second largest on record. And warmer
18 climates lead to worsening smog and pollution
19 which causes more asthma attacks. In the nation
20 asthma rates have doubled over the past 30
21 years. If we are going to take climate change
22 seriously, if we are going to take carbon
23 reduction seriously in our lifetime, then it is

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1 up to you to approve this project, what will be
2 the largest carbon reduction in all of New
3 England and all the present history. Thank you
4 very much.

5 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
6 Tony. Our next speaker George?

7 GEORGE DZUJNA: My name is George Dzujna.
8 I am a City Councilor also. My wife and I moved
9 here 7 years ago. We retired and we moved here
10 7 years ago, and I became very involved in my
11 community and I could see how the tax dollars
12 provided by the Northern Pass will give a boost
13 to our local economy. I can also see the low
14 cost of energy in New Hampshire work being more
15 competitive, help us retain current companies
16 and attract new ones. Tax dollars provided by
17 the Northern Pass project will allow us to lower
18 the property taxes, decreasing the burden on
19 homeowners, especially with the cost shifting by
20 the state. The clean renewable energy provided
21 by the Northern Pass project will replace
22 costlier, dirtier fossil fuels. Thank you very
23 much.

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1 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
2 George. Our next set of speakers, Raymond
3 Shakir, Kelley Monahan, and then John Laverack.

4 RAYMOND SHAKIR: Good evening. My name is
5 Ray Shakir. I'm a member of the North Conway
6 Planning Board, and I appreciate the opportunity
7 to counter the profound profusion of propaganda
8 which has dominated this project so far. The
9 Northern Pass provides an excellent opportunity
10 to reinforce system integrity by supplying the
11 northeast power pool with relatively clean,
12 cheap reliable and consistent efficient power.
13 Rejecting this proposal is simply irresponsible.
14 Clearly, the Northern Pass was intended to
15 benefit the entire northeast, not specifically
16 local communities. However, the transmission
17 line could in the future be tapped to satisfy
18 economic development and dictates. Subversives
19 are quick to reject the Northern Pass. They're
20 quick to reject fossil plants. They're quick to
21 reject nuclear power. Their solution is simply
22 to revert back to the stone age, destroy the
23 life blood of the nation or rely solely on

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1 alternative power, such sources as solar and
2 wind. Wind and solar advocates passionately
3 defend a grossly inefficient sporadic and
4 unreliable means of power generation limited to
5 when the wind blows or when the sun shines and
6 with no means of storage thereafter. Commercial
7 scale production requires vast tracts of land or
8 miles of ridgeline with poor relatively low
9 volume results. You are expected to believe
10 that huge acres of solar panels or high
11 maintenance wind farms spread over miles of
12 plundered ridgeline is somehow more
13 aesthetically pleasing or less intrusive than a
14 transmission line right-of-way. This is
15 absolute nonsense. The fact is a transmission
16 line is comparatively benign. There is zero
17 noise, zero emissions and a smaller footprint.
18 The right-of-way attracts and not hinders
19 wildlife. Furthermore, once established the
20 surrounding flora tends to all but obscure the
21 wires and to a lesser degree even the towers
22 themselves. And yet, this one 1200 megawatt
23 transmission line will provide consistently more

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1 power than over a dozen wind and solar plants
2 and only when they operate at full capacity.

3 Subversives enjoy using the argument that
4 it's not needed. I submit that anything that
5 reinforces reliability, integrity and provides
6 clean, efficient and low cost power is needed.
7 Furthermore, when similar projects are rejected,
8 subversives are the first to use the lack of
9 power availability as a prime excuse to
10 forestall proposals for future economic
11 development. Subversive opposition is of
12 similar mindset assisted by the taxpayer
13 financed EPA. They are -- (applause drowning
14 out speaker.) I'll stop because these people
15 are obviously very, very ignorant.

16 MODERATOR: Raymond, thank you for your
17 comments.

18 RAYMOND SHAKIR: My pleasure.

19 MODERATOR: To the rest of the crowd,
20 remember the ground rules. Respect the speaker.
21 Hold on. Respect goes both ways. Without a
22 doubt. But let's expand the ground rules a
23 little bit, if you want. There will be nothing

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1 said, clapped, or any other sounds while that
2 speaker is talking. Do we agree to that? Would
3 you like us to stop right on three minutes?
4 Okay. What we're going to do, we're going to
5 move you to right here. The timekeeper is now
6 instructed at the end of three minutes he will
7 stand, and the speaker, and everybody's agreed,
8 if your card's up here you're agreeing to this.
9 The second that he stands up, you will stop.
10 Agreement? So thank you again, Raymond, for
11 your comments and for our adjustment in our
12 process. Our next speaker is Kelley.

13 KELLELY MONAHAN: Kelley Monahan of Orford.
14 I'm the elected constitutional officer
15 registered deeds for Grafton County. We house
16 three million documented images and 24,000
17 images of subdivisions. This is where people
18 come to see their devastation. I'm speaking for
19 the people that are not here. The grantors of
20 these easements that were granted in the 30s and
21 40s. I'm speaking of their original intent
22 which was to provide electricity to their rural
23 neighbors to the north. The original intent of

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1 these PSNH agreements, these easements, has been
2 bent. These people would not have envisioned
3 this monstrosity coming to destroy the scenic
4 vistas of the property that they thought they
5 were helping their neighbors by granting these
6 easements to public sellout of New Hampshire.
7 These are the people I'm speaking for. I do not
8 approve this project in any way. I think
9 Americans have the ingenuity to produce our own
10 power here. We're at a tipping point and that's
11 what's scaring these big energy companies. We
12 are there. We're close. I don't agree with all
13 with this energy project coming over. I've
14 witnessed the devastation of my citizens and our
15 citizens to the north and Coos and Carroll.
16 It's going to destroy our property values, that
17 we know. What I want to say here is if we have
18 to negotiate, the line is too be buried. Forget
19 about the public sellout of New Hampshire. Bury
20 it on a corridor Senator Forrester has worked
21 very diligently to provide. That way our tax
22 payers benefit in some way from this project
23 coming forward to help our neighbors to the

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1 south who cannot produce energy for themselves.
2 Thank you.

3 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
4 Kelley. John?

5 JOHN LAVERACK: Good evening. My name is
6 John Laverack a/k/a Woody. I'm Vice Chairman of
7 the Board of Selectmen in the town of
8 Holderness, and I have a brief letter to
9 Mr. Mills from the Board of Selectmen, but first
10 I'd like to give a shout-out to our Governor
11 Maggie Hassan who wrote an unbelievable
12 editorial, and I'm going to read a couple of
13 pieces from that before I read the letter.

14 She says the Northern Pass project
15 discounts innovative technologies and new
16 approaches in favor of old transmission methods
17 that could harm our state. New Hampshire
18 already produces more energy than we use, and
19 we've done more than our fair share of
20 establishing a diverse mix of energy resources.
21 Expanding traditional energy sources like large
22 scale hydropower does not mean just accepting
23 what Northern Pass has put on the table and no

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1 one should accept Northern Pass's assertion that
2 the only way for New England to access Canadian
3 hydropower is to trade away the majestic beauty
4 of the White Mountains. Like our New England
5 neighbors, New Hampshire is working hard to
6 reduce harmful fossil fuel emissions in order to
7 clear the air in views of our great vistas. Why
8 would we then sacrifice those views to miles and
9 miles of towers. New England is demanding
10 newer, cleaner and more innovative energy
11 sources. Energy sources that create jobs here
12 in New England. We should also demand newer,
13 cleaner and more innovative transmission
14 methods.

15 In New York the Champlain Hudson Power
16 Express and energy transmission project that
17 includes Canadian hydropower is burying more
18 than 300 miles of lines. Why shouldn't we fully
19 examine these types of technology and route
20 alternatives for New England. If the solution
21 can be found for New York, we could find a
22 solution for New England and train New England
23 workers to lead the way in new transmission

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1 technology and infrastructure construction.
2 Exploring new energy sources like large scale
3 hydropower does not mean just accepting what
4 Northern Pass has offered. As it stands for the
5 people of New Hampshire, the project is all cost
6 and few if any savings. All people in New
7 England deserve better and the people of New
8 Hampshire will continue to demand that.

9 The letter reads. Dear Mr. Mills. The
10 Board of Selectmen of the town of Holderness is
11 on public record in opposition to the proposed
12 Northern Pass project in New Hampshire.
13 Specifically our opposition comes from the
14 voters -- *time ran out.*

15 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
16 John. Not sure if that applause was for John or
17 for Travis. Travis is going to take it anyhow.
18 Our next set of speakers, R. Marsh Morgan,
19 Representative Leigh A. Webb, Mayor Ken
20 Merrifield. I'll just read out the rest, too.
21 Douglas Boyd, Patricia McMahon. Suzanne Smith.
22 I got that one right. Ready when you are, sir.

23 R. MARSH MORGAN: My name is Marsh Morgan.

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1 I'm a Campton selectman. Wish to have it on the
2 record that the town of Campton voted in 2012 as
3 100 percent opposed to the project. The one
4 concern that we have at this point that has not
5 been explained to us is a landfill that the
6 towns of Campton, Thornton and Ellsworth jointly
7 covered back in the '90s. I would like to know
8 how Northern Pass is going to erect new towers
9 on top of that million dollar cover we put on
10 top of that landfill without compromising the
11 quality of that cover.

12 MODERATOR: Thank you, Mr. Morgan. Leigh
13 Webb.

14 LEIGH WEBB: Thank you, Mr. Moderator. I
15 have the greatest confidence in this body that
16 they can assign a proper weight to those
17 arguments based on fact versus those
18 presentations based solely on unquantifiable
19 assertions and emotions. The command for energy
20 continues to grow, not diminish. The life
21 expectancy of existing generating facilities
22 shortens with time while the environmental
23 impact of those plants either increases or is

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1 questionable at best. All the electrical
2 generating capacity is fed into the grid for New
3 England so any argument based on the need being
4 met in New Hampshire without importing more
5 energy can only be considered somewhat specious.
6 At peak times of usage and times of oppressive
7 heat or bitter cold the demand rises and the
8 grid must meet that demand throughout the area.
9 If consumers wish to have electricity when they
10 most need it without brownouts, Northern Pass is
11 certainly an answer. The dependence on fossil
12 fuels such as coal and particularly now natural
13 gas is a trend detrimental in many ways, as
14 producers of excess CO2s and other pollutants
15 but also in the case of natural gas on which
16 energy production is now 52 percent dependent.
17 It's a fuel increasingly reliant on the
18 environmentally questionable practice known as
19 fracking. Northern Pass offers an alternative
20 to New England that is price competitive,
21 sustainable, not depend on a controversial and
22 mysterious process for extraction and is a
23 source of power foreseeable future and beyond.

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1 As to alternative forms of electrical generation
2 such as wind, solar and wave power there is
3 nothing that prevents us as a society to
4 continue to investigate and invest in these
5 potential resources. Simply because, to restate
6 point number 1, the need for energy will never
7 decrease. Energy for homes, energy for the
8 expansion of businesses, energy for the
9 production of goods and services. We have to
10 decide now to pursue reliable green and
11 reasonably priced sources of electrical power.
12 Northern Pass meets all three requirements
13 providing for our needs now and into the future.
14 The deciding factor in any major project
15 impacting the lives of New Hampshire citizens
16 will always be if that undertaking is for the
17 greater good. Northern Pass for its offer of
18 jobs, tax benefits and clean and sustainable
19 energy for an assured future fulfills the
20 definition of that prime criterion, and I thank
21 you.

22 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
23 Leigh. Next speaker, Mayor Ken Merrifield.

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1 KEN MERRIFIELD: Good evening. Ken
2 Merrifield, Mayor of the city of Franklin and I
3 thank all of you for your time this evening, the
4 university and the passion of the audience. I
5 hope to extend my remarks in writing if that's
6 acceptable in the future, and I just wanted to
7 make one point with regard to the Governor's
8 comments that were read earlier this evening
9 about New Hampshire being an exporter of
10 electricity and that is absolutely the case, it
11 is absolutely true that New Hampshire produces
12 more electricity than its customers use.
13 However, the problem for us as ratepayers in New
14 Hampshire is that the power doesn't know where
15 the state line is. The power flows freely
16 throughout New England and if there is ever a
17 shortage of power south of us in Connecticut,
18 Rhode Island, Massachusetts, then ratepayers
19 here in New Hampshire are affected by that. And
20 so I would ask the committee to consider
21 documentation that the Department of Energy has
22 released over the last ten years, over the last
23 ten years itself, about the subject where it has

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1 been recommended that New England seek greater
2 hydropower input from Canada and thank you all
3 for your graciousness. Thank you.

4 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
5 Ken. Next speaker, Douglas Boyd.

6 DOUGLAS BOYD: Thank you. My name is
7 Douglas Boyd, and I'm a City Councilman for the
8 city of Franklin. Let me say this, too. I
9 remember back in the day when they were going to
10 build a nuclear power plant down in Seabrook,
11 New Hampshire, and I think it was the Clamshell
12 Alliance or what have you that was opposed to
13 it, and thank God they didn't win. If we hadn't
14 had that approved, it would have been pretty
15 difficult. It's a pleasure to be here today and
16 I'll let you know that I'm 100 percent in
17 support of the great Northern Pass. It's rare
18 when our country acquires positive projects,
19 some of which over the years were voted against
20 until many, many years later those people stated
21 boy, we made a big mistake not supporting that
22 project.

23 This is a project that priorly supports our

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1 great state in many ways. Other states when you
2 watch in the news, some are jealous. Many
3 others are praying that the project gets
4 approved. The one state that gets 100 percent
5 benefit I've lived in all my life and most of
6 you have, too. A great project that will bring
7 1200 megawatts of clean renewable energy to the
8 region which will help reduce our dependence on
9 natural gas and other fossil fuels, create over
10 1200 or more, more than likely more jobs during
11 construction. And by the way, its North Country
12 jobs creation fund is set to create more jobs
13 once the project is under way. Communities
14 along the route as well as some counties in the
15 great State of New Hampshire will see added tax
16 revenue from the project they can use for
17 education, infrastructure and other essential
18 services. We are joining forces with the great
19 country of Canada, the two greatest countries on
20 the planet earth. The great Ben Franklin when
21 he was alive before any of us were born also
22 stated that make a list of the positive things
23 anything will bring to us. Our country, or in

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1 this case our state, the list of fantastic
2 positive support and the great things for our
3 state is a long supporting great list of things
4 that do nothing but support us, our children,
5 our grandchildren and our great grandchildren in
6 the great State of New Hampshire in the future,
7 and we in support would be mentioned positively
8 when we all pass away. By the way, the negative
9 list from Ben Franklin on whether or not we need
10 this power, it don't exist. You sit on your
11 porch where you're looking at wires, look at
12 them on every street in the state of New
13 Hampshire and everywhere else. If approved
14 increases in taxes won't exist either. It's
15 going to be a fantastic thing for this state and
16 there's going to come a day when people that are
17 opposed to it are going to say I made a big
18 mistake. Thank you all very much.

19 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
20 Douglas. Patricia McMahon.

21 PATRICIA MCMAHON: Thank you very much.
22 I'm a former State Representative for three
23 terms and currently I'm on the Selectboard in

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1 Sutton, New Hampshire. Small town south of
2 here. For over 50 years I've enjoyed New
3 Hampshire as my own home. I've enjoyed the
4 values and the beautiful views of the state that
5 attract visitors and often are the future
6 residents of our communities. Those future
7 residents are paying property taxes, the Board
8 of Selectmen are the ones who send out those
9 bills for the property taxes. As a Selectboard
10 we're expected to provide services to our town
11 including paved roads, but it seems to me that
12 this plan for the Northern Pass not only will
13 take the electricity and the energy out of
14 state, it will also take the dollar out of
15 state. We really can't afford that. We need to
16 bury the lines. We need to make sure that our
17 views are intact, we need to bury the lines
18 because we need to have the revenues along the
19 roadways benefit the state and the communities
20 that it goes through. That is the only
21 equitable way to do this. My concern also is
22 that the PUC on its website also lists the
23 jumpoff point for Franklin as going west, west

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1 from Franklin to Andover to Wilmot to New London
2 and then to Vermont. This is not the beginning
3 of the Northern Pass. This is an envelopment of
4 New Hampshire and I hope that you will look at
5 the long-term consequences of this project. My
6 hope is that you will find two alternatives that
7 will prove to be a better choice as Maine and
8 New York and other states are looking at. Thank
9 you.

10 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
11 Patricia. Suzanne Smith.

12 SUZANNE SMITH: Good evening and thank you
13 for being here and listening to all of us. For
14 the record, I am Suzanne Smith. I am State
15 Representative. I represent Grafton County,
16 District 8, Plymouth, Hebron and Holderness.
17 One of the things I have found as I travel
18 through my District is very concerned
19 homeowners. People who have easements in their
20 backyards that house 30 foot tall wooden towers
21 and now they're looking if you look at the
22 Northern Pass website at towers that go from 80
23 to 100 to 110 feet. As I drive up Route 93, the

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1 interstate, and I look at land going towards
2 White Mountain National Forest, and I see those
3 similar 30 to 40-foot towers that will be
4 replaced by 100-foot towers and when I know that
5 tourism is our number one, one of our number one
6 industries, I am frightened by what is going to
7 happen by all of this. I know the people of
8 Holderness are concerned. In fact I spoke with
9 a legislator today whose daughter was looking to
10 buy property in Holderness and after looking at
11 the town deeds and finding out where the
12 easements were, they decided it would not be a
13 good place to move. People are concerned. And
14 there are other ways to do things. I attended
15 many of those Senate Bill 361 commissions and
16 I'm working with the Science Energy Technology
17 committee now as we look at ways to do the job,
18 build new projects and look towards the future
19 burying the lines. It can be done. New York is
20 looking at it, Maine is talking about the state
21 energy corridors going down Interstate 95. We
22 heard from the state Department of
23 Transportation in New Hampshire that we could do

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1 that here. I think we need to change this
2 project so that we will still have jobs, burying
3 the lines will give jobs and we will not have
4 these towers everywhere and thank you very much.

5 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
6 Suzanne. I have two more at least on the
7 preregistered speakers that appear to be elected
8 officials. Is there a Martha Richards? A
9 Charles Cheney?

10 SPEAKER: He's not here.

11 MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you. So Martha
12 will be our last elected unless there are any
13 others that want to step forward.

14 MARTHA RICHARDS: I'm Martha Richards from
15 Holderness. Good evening, everyone, and thank
16 you for attending this important meeting. I'm
17 Martha Richards from Holderness. We live on a
18 right-of-way. I am one of the Grafton County
19 Commissioners, and we three stand in solidarity
20 with our extreme opposition to this project.
21 Welcome back, Mr. Mills. Your presence here
22 means we, the orange opposition, are winning
23 because Northern Pass has come up with yet

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1 another route that won't succeed as well as not
2 even being approved at this time so we frankly
3 wonder why this hearing is being held. Despite
4 that minor point, I'd like to make some
5 comments.

6 For the past three years, thousands of New
7 Hampshire residents have been saying and
8 rallying to the cry of stop the Northern Pass
9 and Hydro-Quebec allez vous en. It has been a
10 living nightmare fighting the in-your-face greed
11 and lies of PSNH, Hydro-Quebec and Northeast
12 Utilities. They really thought they could march
13 right down through our scenic mountains,
14 placating us with promises of new tax payments,
15 clean power and lots of jobs. We are not a
16 bunch of backwards hillbillies. The millions of
17 dollars they have spent in damage control,
18 buying up land parcels, a patronizing PR
19 campaign, deceptive and deceitful statements,
20 especially at the recent open houses some of us
21 attended, and their rampant devastation to the
22 Canadian natives' lands has only enlightened us
23 more to their corrupt corporate greed. I know

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1 more about power poles and poor PR than I ever
2 wanted to know. I am tired of hearing from our
3 neighbors to the south needing more power. Like
4 the tight Yankees we are, New Hampshire has
5 extra power to sell. If these states want power
6 that has been pimped through our state, then
7 they need to advocate for buried lines. I'm one
8 of the holdouts. I do not want Northern Pass in
9 my state at all, unlike many others who will
10 take it but only if buried. Okay, I'm
11 softening, but it must be buried, all 180 miles
12 along only the New Hampshire state rights-of-way
13 so that New Hampshire gets the bulk of the
14 income. God knows we need it more than from
15 casinos. Burial is an acceptable and known
16 proven method of providing energy even in remote
17 regions. Reputable cable companies have
18 testified to this fact last year. Proposing a
19 route over, under or through the pristine
20 Connecticut River headwaters and White Mountains
21 is simply blasphemy. It's time for us New
22 Hampshire citizens to take back our rights and
23 say no. I'm tired of Northern Pass's

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1 methodology of conniving, buying and frankly
2 screwing anyone in their way which is how they
3 operate. I hope -- (applause) Thank you. I'm
4 losing my time. I hope, Mr. Mills, that you'll
5 really hear us. I'm going be standing here next
6 year and celebrate with all of you because our
7 native forefathers will have seven generations.
8 We're going to ban that kind of energy in New
9 Hampshire. Thank you.

10 MODERATOR: Okay. Remember the ground
11 rules. When Travis stands up, and you hear that
12 roar of the crowd that's Travis standing up, you
13 must stop talking. I'm assuming there are no
14 other elected officials that want to come
15 forward. Okay. We're going to start with the
16 preregistered speakers. Same amount of time, 3
17 minutes, same rules. When Travis stands up, you
18 will stop. If you do not stop we'll come up
19 with another set of procedures. But we don't
20 want to go there. The officers have better
21 things to do than to escort people out. Elisha
22 Gray. Peter Martin. Please come down to the
23 first row. Pamela Martin. Annie Schneider.

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1 Anthony Fitzherbert. Alexis Eynon.

2 MODERATOR: Elisha, when you're ready.

3 ELISHA GRAY: I use the nickname Eli
4 because it's a lot easier.

5 MODERATOR: Let's use Eli.

6 ELISHA GRAY: I must have been at the
7 computer when this notice came out since I'm
8 here first. I'm Eli Gray from New Hampton.
9 Thank you for listening, seriously, to our
10 comments at these scoping meetings. I
11 understand that in these scoping meetings and
12 looking at the Environmental Impact Study for
13 Northern Pass you are to determine the impact on
14 various resource areas such as water, air
15 quality, public health and safety, and
16 socioeconomic impact which I presume includes
17 jobs and taxes. Opponents and proponents will
18 disagree about the degree to which our economy
19 will benefit from this proposed project. We've
20 already heard. As they will also dispute the
21 necessity of bringing hydropower from Quebec and
22 desirability. While people will in good faith
23 disagree about many of the benefits of the

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1 project, the project, there's one indisputable
2 fact. Northern Pass is proposing to string 180
3 miles of transmission lines through this state
4 on towers that in many instances exceed the
5 height of surrounding trees, and in all places
6 where it is seen, not just the 180 miles not
7 buried, but in thousands and thousands of square
8 miles of viewsheds this mars the scenic beauty
9 up and down the state. Beauty that we cherish
10 as do the tourists who visit the state. This
11 fact is indisputable.

12 I understand that one of the tasks of
13 Northern Pass Transmission Project is to analyze
14 potential aesthetic impacts to the existing
15 visual resources. You are charged with
16 determining whether considering all aspects of
17 the proposal it is in the public interest. Let
18 me tell you very clearly because of the adverse
19 impact of this project on our landscape, the
20 public is not interested. This project is not
21 in the public interest. The public is not
22 interested.

23 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,

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1 Eli. Next speaker, Peter Martin.

2 PETER MARTIN: Yes, my name is Peter
3 Martin. I live here in Plymouth. The latest
4 iteration of the Northern Pass route plan filed
5 with the DOE is illegal according to the New
6 Hampshire substitution and statutory law.
7 Article 12 A of our Constitution states quote,
8 no part of a person's property shall be taken by
9 eminent domain and transferred directly or
10 indirectly to another person if the taking is
11 for the purpose of private development or other
12 private use of the property. Statutory law
13 expressly prohibits the use of eminent domain
14 for any private for-profit energy project that
15 is not deemed a public need by ISO-New England.

16 Of course, PSNH and parent company
17 Northeast Utilities are well aware of those
18 prohibitions. When denied the power to take
19 people's private property using eminent domain,
20 Northern Pass representatives tried to buy land
21 and property that would give them a route
22 through our North Country. Even though they
23 offered obscene amounts of money to push the

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1 project through, many people opted to put their
2 property into conservation to pressure our
3 treasured landscape and way of life. Unable to
4 complete the Northern Pass route, Northern Pass
5 decided to file anyway. They proposed to bury a
6 few miles of the project but through the
7 property of owners who are unwilling to settle.
8 The alternative route filing is equally
9 untenable as it proposes to cross conservation
10 land. This proposal is a direct violation of
11 our State Constitution and statutory law. It is
12 also hypocritical as PSNH has repeatedly stated
13 that they would not consider burial of the line.
14 Given the foregoing I respectfully ask this
15 Commission, why are you here? Almost three
16 years ago hundreds of us explained to you in
17 great detail all of the negatives of the
18 proposed Northern Pass project. We pointed out
19 the inevitable damage to New Hampshire's
20 economy, real estate values, tax base,
21 environment and aesthetics if such a huge
22 hideous metal zipper was imposed on our lovely
23 landscape. Thousands of it sent in EIS

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1 statements explaining those same things. All
2 the vaunted advantages trumpeted by PSNH and
3 Northeast Utilities are the same tired and
4 untrue claims that all greedy corporations use
5 when they plan to damage someone else's economy,
6 property, and quality of life. So I ask you
7 again, why are you here? We have told you and
8 sent you our objections and deep concerns. I'm
9 sure you are sick of hearing them. We are
10 certainly weary of having to keep explaining.
11 We have told you many times and now we say
12 again, no Northern Pass.

13 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
14 Thank you for your comments, Peter. The next
15 speaker will be Pamela Martin. I also want to
16 call up for the on-deck list, Dave Rivers, Bob
17 Tuveson, John Gruz and Gail Beaulieu. She can
18 come up, too. The floor is yours.

19 PAMELA MARTIN: My name is Pamela Martin.
20 For those of you who don't live in New Hampshire
21 I'd like to tell you some things about us. New
22 Hampshire's motto is live free or die and we
23 mean that. People here get very irritated when

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1 a foreign corporation teams up with an
2 out-of-state corporation for their financial
3 gain and then tell us, the citizens of New
4 Hampshire, we're selfish for not letting them
5 make millions of dollars of profits by
6 destroying our property values, the tourism
7 economy and the beauty of our state. New
8 Hampshire is highly reliant on property taxes.
9 We have no income or sales tax. So if homes
10 with fabulous views are impacted by tall steel
11 lattice towers looming high above the trees, our
12 community's tax bases will be destroyed. New
13 Hampshire is highly reliant on tourism.
14 Tourists will not come to our mountains to look
15 at power lines. They cleverly entitled this
16 project Northern Pass because it sounds like it
17 only impacts the northern part of the state, but
18 in reality it will affect a huge amount of
19 southern New Hampshire as well. It will
20 visually impact 95,000 acres. 95000 acres of
21 scenic New Hampshire could be visually impacted
22 for a 180-mile fiber super highway of
23 electricity to provide power to southern New

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1 England. Electricity they don't even need
2 according to ISO-New England. New Hampshire
3 people are not stupid. We are intelligent,
4 well-informed people and we know when we are
5 being lied to. Northern Pass talks about tax
6 benefits while simultaneously demanding tax
7 abatements and when they don't get them, they
8 sue communities. They say the steel lattice
9 towers won't affect property values, then
10 cold-bloodedly intimidate or destroy any
11 appraiser who tells them that's not true. They
12 say burial is too expensive even though
13 TransEnergie, Hydro-Quebec's own subsidiary,
14 says it isn't. They say industrial
15 hydroelectricity is green and clean energy. Not
16 one single environmental agency in the country
17 or the world for that matter agrees with that
18 statement. They promise New Hampshire customers
19 low cost electricity. That's what they promised
20 Vermont but Vermont recently signed a contract
21 for Canadian hydropower which was above the
22 market rate.

23 The surveyors and environmental contractors

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1 for Northern pass all have out of state license
2 plates and when New Hampshire citizens were
3 recently called by people posing as New
4 Hampshire IBEW members to ask them to support
5 Northern Pass jobs, those calls were being made
6 from Wisconsin. So much for New Hampshire jobs.
7 There are no benefit to the people of New
8 Hampshire for this project. The jobs, the tax
9 benefits are lies. Renewable energy, lie. Low
10 cost energy, lie.

11 Northern Pass has exhibited a pattern of
12 habitual lying and I'll get back to you on that.
13 If Northern Pass was such a terrific idea they
14 won't need to lie or evade to sell it, would
15 they. Northern Pass has exhibited an utter and
16 complete lack of shame. They will say anything,
17 literally anything, no matter how outrageous to
18 get what they want. They're lying to the DOE as
19 well. They do not have a viable legitimate
20 route or an alternate route. Northern Pass is a
21 pig and no matter how much lipstick they put on
22 it it's still a pig.

23 MODERATOR: Thanks you for your comments

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1 Pamela. Our next speaker.

2 ANNIE SCHNEIDER: I'm Annie Schneider from
3 Plymouth and against, I guess, popular opinion
4 I'm not a subversive. I first would like to
5 also start by thanking Governor Maggie Hassan
6 for her comments in the Boston Globe. Her
7 eloquent letter was a voice of reason in what
8 has turned out to be a logic free zone. It
9 looks to me like, please, God, the tide is
10 turning and we are getting better attention, we
11 are getting more truth out day to day, and she
12 has helped us with that as well as some of our
13 other politicians. So the tides are starting to
14 turn.

15 On the way into town tonight I was coming
16 back from work and I saw all the signs there and
17 they made me laugh and I couldn't quite figure
18 that out. My boyfriend's opinion was different.
19 He was quite furious. I thought it was funny
20 because it seemed, I don't know how many of you
21 remember Mr. Magoo but he was the guy who went
22 through everything oblivious to what was
23 happening. To me Northern Pass has treated us

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1 the same way, with the evil twin of Mr. Magoo
2 completely oblivious to the truth, to the
3 opinion, to the facts, to the jobs that we have
4 already lost. We don't stand to lose them. We
5 have already lost them due to their threat.

6 So I also, one of the things we lost, any
7 of the realtors in here can tell you that we've
8 also lost sales. We've lost remodels. In the
9 State of New Hampshire many people, myself
10 included, being narcissistic, our homes are our
11 retirement plan. When your home is threatened
12 and the value of your home is threatened, I
13 don't have anyone else stepping up to the plate
14 with the retirement plan for me and many people
15 here are in the same boat. We are not arguing
16 the voracious appetite for electricity. We are
17 arguing this project, how it would provide it,
18 what has happened already to start it and what
19 would happen to our state to provide it to those
20 with the appetite. Thank you for listening.

21 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
22 Annie. Next speaker Anthony Fitzherbert.

23 TONY FITZHERBERT: Thank you very much for

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1 coming to listen to us once again. I'm Tony
2 Fitzherbert. I agree with all of the comments
3 from my orange-shirted colleagues. However, the
4 most crucial and least understood justification
5 for submerging this entirely proposal within
6 state transportation corridors is exposure to
7 potentially health devastating electromagnetic
8 fields, radiating from high voltage transmission
9 lines. EMF pollution has been heralded by
10 medical professionals and scientists as the most
11 predominant polluter of the 21st century.
12 Awareness of the dangers of EMF pollution first
13 surfaced in the late 1970s from the research of
14 Paul Brodeur and there are a lot of footnotes in
15 the written version of this, Mr. Brodeur linked
16 EMF from aerial power lines to increases in
17 cancerous brain tumors, leukemia, birth defects,
18 nausea and stress. Isn't that wonderful? At
19 the same time research by Dr. David Carpenter,
20 Dean of the State University of New York School
21 of Public Health, determined that prolonged
22 exposure to EMF from transmission lines
23 contributed to at least 30 percent of all

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1 childhood cancers. In 1990 Time, Business Week,
2 Ted Koppel and Dan Rather of CBS published or
3 aired reports linking a plethora of illness to
4 EMF exposure. In March 1990, based upon studies
5 showing a causal link between leukemia, lymphoma
6 and nervous disorders and EMFs, the EPA
7 recommended that EMFs be classified as a Class B
8 carcinogen along with PCBs and formaldehyde.
9 The electric utility industry, bless them,
10 successfully pressured the EPA to rescind that
11 classification. Sound familiar? And there's a
12 lot of other material here. However, on
13 November 18th, 2010 the Commonwealth Club of
14 California, an organization dedicated to EMF
15 research hosted panels composed of medical
16 doctors who summarized the findings with the
17 observations that the effective EMFs upon humans
18 result in an increased risk of cancer and we
19 will face an epidemic of cancer from EMFs. They
20 concluded that governments and corporations,
21 your government, need to minimize communities
22 and personal exposure to electromagnetic fields
23 which is a no-brainer. Bury Northern Pass.

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1 Candidly, I think you gentlemen and lady sense
2 that Northern Pass is about as welcome up here
3 as a skunk at an outdoor wedding reception for a
4 church school picnic. Thank you very much.

5 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
6 Anthony. When we started this process, I said
7 we would take a break at about 6:45. We are
8 extending beyond that obviously. Five minutes
9 beyond. I'd like to go a little deeper into
10 this. You guys have any problem with that? No.
11 Okay. Thank you. Our next speaker Alexis, can
12 you pronounce your last name?

13 ALEXIS EYNON: Alexis Eynon, Thornton New
14 Hampshire. With all due respect to the panel,
15 I'm not here to address the panel because I know
16 what their decision will be regardless of what
17 is said here. I'm here to address all other
18 folks in the room from surrounding New Hampshire
19 towns. The comments that we make here today
20 will be compiled into logs and then completely
21 disregarded when an ultimate decision is made
22 whether or not to issue the permit for Northern
23 Pass. That's how the system works. Here is

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1 why. This hearing is part of a regulatory
2 process that ensures permits are issued as long
3 as the permit application submitted by the
4 corporation is complete. Let me repeat that.
5 As long as the corporation submits a complete
6 permit application, the permit is issued. This
7 is the way corporations are allowed to operate
8 under our current system of law. To date 89
9 permits have been granted to cross the Canadian
10 border, 37 for the Mexican border and the DOE
11 has confirmed that no Presidential Permit has
12 ever been denied. The function of the
13 regulatory system is passive and pass tense. It
14 permits the amount of harm that can be done.
15 Whether in acres, parts per million or feet in
16 the case of the towers. The regulatory system
17 assumes that our only option is to try and
18 regulate the amount of harm that will be
19 inflicted on our states and communities which is
20 what leads us to debate things like burying the
21 lines, height of towers, et cetera. It's about
22 regulating harm. Not simply saying no. As
23 citizens we have no legal way to say no to a

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1 project like this. There is, however, another
2 way to oppose projects like this. We can stand
3 up for our rights as citizens, stand up for our
4 rights as towns and tell these corporations that
5 we will not have the health, safety and welfare
6 of our people jeopardized by destructive greedy
7 projects such as this one. Our own State
8 Constitution compels us to act. Article 10 of
9 the New Hampshire Constitution states and I
10 quote. Right to revolution. Government being
11 instituted for the common benefit, protection
12 and security of the whole community and not for
13 the private interest or emolument of any one
14 man, family or class of men. Therefore,
15 whenever the ends of government are perverted
16 and public liberty manifested endangered and all
17 other means of redress are ineffectual, does
18 this sound familiar, the people may and of right
19 ought to reform the old or establish new
20 government. The doctrine of nonresistance
21 against arbitrary power and oppression is
22 absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and
23 happiness of mankind, unquote.

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1 You all received orange cards on your way
2 into this hearing or you should have. There's
3 information on the card about the New Hampshire
4 Community Rights Network of which I am member
5 along with several other people in this room.
6 We are working to bring about change that will
7 allow us to say no to projects such as this one.
8 Please consider becoming part of this movement.
9 Thank you.

10 MODERATOR: Thank you, Alexis. Did I call
11 Dave Rivers? Good. I did. Thank you.

12 DAVE RIVERS: Yes, you did, thank you. I'm
13 humbled by all the homework that Alexis has
14 done. Good job. I did get a quote from our
15 Governor that I've taken from my notes here as
16 it already was quoted so I think we both got the
17 salient points of our governor's message to us.
18 I've written up a little bit here and my full
19 disclosure is that my home is not directly
20 impacted by Northern Pass but I believe my town
21 and state are. Far from being ignorant I
22 believe the orange brigade is indeed quite
23 bright. I want full disclosure from those here

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1 from a southern New Hampshire town where a
2 transfer facility will dump billions into their
3 top line every year. No wonder they're for it.
4 What I see with Northern Pass are temporary jobs
5 and permanent blight. In the Union Leader on
6 September 15th contributing editor Dave Solomon
7 said officials from a transmission company, an
8 underground power line installer reported that a
9 site specific study of underground costs
10 concerning Northern Pass's proposed route or the
11 state highway alternative could be done for
12 about one million dollars. In spite of that
13 fact, PSNH has spent 40 million dollars
14 acquiring land that for any formal purpose would
15 otherwise be worth much less. PSNH will not pay
16 for such a study. I think someone should. The
17 stakes are too high. If more energy for the US
18 from more sources is good then let's work
19 together and get a win for everyone.
20 Mr. Solomon concluded his article with what I
21 believe to be the solution to all of this. If
22 the transmission lines were installed
23 underground along New Hampshire state highways

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1 as has been proposed in Maine, PSNH would still
2 get transmission fees. The state would benefit
3 from its ownership of the right-of-way and jobs
4 would be created. This is a triple win in my
5 opinion. The USA gets more power, PSNH gets
6 more revenue and the State of New Hampshire is
7 preserved now and in the future.

8 Finally, interestingly, outgoing Homeland
9 Security Chief Janet Napolitano on August 30th
10 issued an open letter for her successor. She's
11 retiring. Warning that a cyber or physical
12 event knocking out our power grid will occur.
13 Not a question of if but when. I'm not an
14 expert, but it seems to me we should add one
15 more advantage to the underground option. And
16 that is to help ensure energy sustainability for
17 the USA. In conclusion, Northern Pass in its
18 current design is unsafe -- *end of time*.

19 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
20 Dave. Bob?

21 BOB TUVESON: Bob Tuveson from Holderness,
22 New Hampshire. We were told during the spring
23 of 2011 and again tonight scoping hearings at

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1 the DOE EIS process was to determine eligibility
2 for Presidential Permit. You also said that New
3 Hampshire site evaluation committee has to make
4 the decision to site the Northern Pass project
5 within New Hampshire. I do not believe either
6 decision can be made in isolation. The DOE and
7 the site evaluation committee both should look
8 at the many alternatives and potential
9 transmission capability in the Northeast Region.
10 The following alternatives have much less
11 environment impact than the presently proposed
12 Northern Pass project. Champlain Hudson, the
13 thousands of megawatts of hydropower power
14 buried 333 miles under Lake Champlain, unused
15 railroad beds and the Hudson River to Yonkers,
16 New York. The original plan called for an
17 additional 1000 megawatts to Bridgeport,
18 Connecticut, buried under the East River and
19 Long Island Sound. Vermont transmission
20 corridor, the National Grid 2000 megawatts of
21 hydropower goes through Vermont to New Hampshire
22 to Comerford station, through New Hampshire to
23 Comerford station to Ayer, Mass. Although the

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1 capacity is 2000 megawatts, less than 1400
2 megawatts has normally been transmitted. There
3 is a request and it's attached with my notes,
4 request to ISO-New England by National Grid to
5 increase transmission from 1400 to 2000
6 megawatts. Governor Peter Shumlin says it might
7 be possible to funnel the power through Vermont
8 without building large new transmission lines.
9 That's also attached. Northeast Energy Link.
10 1100 megawatts of wind power buried 150 miles
11 from Wiscasset, Maine, to Boston Harbor and
12 transmitted by HVDC submarine cable in the Gulf
13 of Maine. Also attached. Newfoundland, Labrador
14 had plans to transmit hydropower from Lower
15 Churchill Falls into the New England grid either
16 through Maine, buried or buried in the Atlantic.
17 Those are very, very good alternatives, aren't
18 they.

19 In the Sunday 9/22 edition of the Boston
20 Globe and this morning in the Union Leader New
21 Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan stated and I
22 quote, exploring new energy sources in this, and
23 this is a repeat. Exploring new energy sources

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1 like large scale hydropower does not mean just
2 accepting what Northern Pass has offered. As it
3 stands for the people of New Hampshire the
4 project is all cost and few if any savings. All
5 people in New England deserve better and the
6 people of New Hampshire will continue to demand
7 better. Thank you very much.

8 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
9 Bob.

10 GAIL BEAULIEU: I'm Gail Beaulieu and I'm
11 here tonight to represent the Richard Dearborn
12 Revokable Trust. We own 127-acre parcel of land
13 that has a PSNH easement that was signed by a
14 widowed woman in the 1950s to expand the
15 right-of-way. We also own an abutting parcel
16 that is the birthplace of Sylvester Marsh, the
17 inventor and builder of the Mt. Washington Cog
18 Railway, a significant part of New Hampshire
19 history. There are three proposed about 105 to
20 120 giant lattice towers that will have impact
21 on the landscape around his birth place. The
22 127-acre parcel has been for sale for the past
23 three years. It has attracted buyers and only

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1 two miles from Interstate I-93. I have
2 marketing letters that show no interest in the
3 property once the real estate agent explained
4 the threat of the Northern Pass project. I'm a
5 mortgage originator and have personal experience
6 with what is being purchased. No one's buying
7 property that has the potential threat of the
8 Northern Pass. The Northern Pass project is
9 currently causing the economic impact on the
10 communities along the lifeline of the I-93
11 corridor, and if built will have magnitude
12 environmental and economic impact that will take
13 a long time to recover. The Northern Pass
14 project is not needed as determined by the
15 ISO-New England. Northern Pass cannot guarantee
16 any savings on New Hampshire resident electric
17 bills, a question that I ask at a recent
18 Northern Pass open house. Why should the
19 communities want 187 miles covering 95,000 acres
20 of visual impact including the White Mountain
21 National Forest sacrifice their environmental
22 and economic health for a company that is not
23 interested in open dialogue with those that

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1 would be impacted and would not provide
2 acceptable alternatives. This is a company that
3 is only interested in satisfying the
4 shareholders and gain twelve percent return on
5 equity. This is a company that wants to
6 maximize profit and is unable to guarantee lower
7 electric cost for New Hampshire. This is a
8 company that recently started a Facebook page
9 who shoves people off who are providing actual
10 fact comments. No dialogue here. Do not be
11 fooled. The Facebook page is for marketing
12 only. Do not confuse marketing as truth.

13 Brian Mills, you mentioned at the beginning
14 of the hearing that the public had any questions
15 to contact Northern Pass officials. I am asking
16 those that have questions also of contact
17 opposition resources. Many have studied the
18 project since conception and provided truthful
19 information to the state representatives.
20 Attached you'll find the list of some resources.

21 I am asking you the Department of Energy as
22 part of the EIS study to interview the resources
23 attached to find out the reasons why they're

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1 opposed to this project. With no legal route
2 and no alternative route proposed -- *end of*
3 *time.*

4 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
5 Gail. Next speaker? John.

6 JOHN GRUZ: Good evening, Mr. Chairman, and
7 members of the committee, friends and
8 supporters. My name is John Gruz and I live at
9 49 Oak Hill Road, Holderness, New Hampshire.
10 What can I say that's not been said before? I
11 can only offer my opinion and sincere point of
12 view as an abutter to the power line. I've
13 noticed a good number of properties for sale
14 along the power line. When prospective buyers
15 are notified of a proposed Northern Pass
16 project, they turn away. These homes go unsold.
17 Their values decrease. Unsold properties become
18 neglected and turn into rental units. Without
19 the pride of ownership, tenants tend not to
20 maintain the property as the owner would have.
21 The owner cares less and less for these
22 properties, caring mainly for the monthly rent
23 to meet their new obligations. I ask you, would

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1 you purchase a home with 135 foot steel tower in
2 front or backyard? If so, purchase mine. Now,
3 I understand that houses are listed for sale for
4 various reasons. Relocation, upper mobility and
5 downsizing are just a few. Elder homeowners who
6 can no longer afford to remain in their homes
7 due to declining health or to the loss of a
8 spouse are supposed to give up their nestegg at
9 a greatly reduced selling price. That is if the
10 house sells at all. This is not what I
11 understand to be the New Hampshire way of life.
12 If we allow Northern Pass to erect these huge
13 towers and heavy transmission lines we will all
14 suffer the impact of the greed with no benefit
15 to New Hampshire. I believe the refusal of
16 Northern Pass to bury the lines show us that
17 their only interest is in a fast cheap
18 alternative to turn a quick profit. At one time
19 or another, many have sold their souls in the
20 name of progress and profit. Please let's not
21 tear the heart out of the center of New
22 Hampshire on behalf of a foreign entity. Our
23 friendly neighbors to the north may not be as

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1 friendly once they have a monopoly on New
2 England's power supply. I thank you for the
3 opportunity to speak. Respectfully, John Gruz.

4 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
5 John. Right now I have that it is 7:08. We're
6 going to call it 7:10. We're going take a
7 15-minute break. Based on the information that
8 I have, it looks like we are going to have to
9 fit in one more break but we'll take a look at
10 that after the break. I'll keep you posted, but
11 it looks like at this point in time we will run
12 until about 10 o'clock. So if you feel -- hold
13 on before you go. If you feel that your
14 comments have already been said, and you filled
15 out a card and you want to drop from the list
16 let me know. Otherwise, we'll keep going.

17 (Recess taken)

18 MODERATOR: I've got 7:30. I've got John
19 Amey, Lee Ann Moulder, Pamela Charon, John
20 Laverack is a repeat. Fred Brownson. And
21 Gretchen Draper.

22 LEE ANN MOULDER: Good evening. My name is
23 Lee Ann Moulder, and I'm a resident of

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1 Holderness. The Northern Pass is an emotional
2 topic for me but my comments include only facts
3 and will specifically detail the irony with
4 which the Northern Pass executives have operated
5 over these past three years. For example, on
6 page 69 of the Northern Pass transmission
7 application one of the reasons that is cited for
8 not burying the Northern Pass in their own
9 rights of way is because many of the easements
10 they have negotiated do not provide for the
11 construction of underground facilities. Yet
12 these same Northern Pass executives think
13 nothing of announcing a new route in the North
14 Country which includes the burial of 7 and a
15 half miles which they do not own, never
16 discussed choosing with the landowners, nor do
17 they even have a valid easement. After three
18 years of trying to promote a project with
19 millions spent on glossy mailings, slick
20 marketing campaigns and lobbyists the project is
21 no further along than it was three years ago.
22 That is a proposal of an incomplete route.
23 However, the Northern Pass executives refuse to

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1 spend the estimated one million dollars to
2 actually study the burial option. In comparison
3 the Northeast Utilities financial statements
4 reflect 70.7 million expended on Northern Pass
5 from 2010 to 2012 and another 45 million
6 projected to be spent on Northern Pass for the
7 year 2013. Moreover, Presidential Executive
8 Order 13604 dated March 22nd, 2012 directs for
9 improving the performance of federal permitting
10 and review of infrastructure projects and
11 specifically discusses issues such as
12 preapplication procedures, early collaboration
13 with other agencies, project sponsors and
14 affected stakeholders as well as coordination
15 with state, local and tribal governments. By
16 contrast Northern Pass executives slowly leaked
17 information concerning the rollout of their
18 project and when questions were asked of them
19 they did not like, they fail to respond. For
20 three years this ill-conceived project has been
21 a how not to introduce an electrical
22 transmission project. The implementation of the
23 Northern Pass directly contrasts with accepted

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1 DOE procedures relative to engaging the public
2 early on, involving them in siting the project
3 and gaining acceptance in an effort to expedite
4 approvals and not get mired in delays. I
5 respectfully urge the DOE to tell the Northern
6 Pass executives to withdraw their latest amended
7 application, go back to the drawing board, spend
8 the million dollars to seek alternatives such as
9 burying the entire 180 miles and get it right.
10 This is about more than a for-profit, not needed
11 for system reliability project or one
12 individual's viewshed. Rather it is about the
13 legacy we will leave for future generations.
14 Will we ruin the beauty of 180 miles of the
15 Granite State include the pristine beauty of the
16 White Mountain National Forest by using
17 antiquated technology or will we get it right.
18 Please just stop the bleeding.

19 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
20 Lee Ann. Did you want to leave anything written
21 in the folder?

22 PAMELA CHARON: Hi. My name is Pamela
23 Charon. I'm from Plymouth, New Hampshire. I

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1 live here because I love this state. It's
2 beautiful, and the mountains are great. I'm a
3 hiker, biker, kayaker and a lot of people that
4 do live here live here for those reasons. We
5 came here to live in an area that was beautiful
6 and not power lines. In the US we no longer
7 build industrial hydro projects. We don't build
8 them because they are destructive. They are not
9 green, they are bad for the wildlife and bad for
10 the land. They create methane gases that go
11 into our atmosphere. After you build a large
12 industrial dam it takes 20 years for the methane
13 gases to reduce. It also has mercury that gets
14 into the fish and you no longer can eat the fish
15 and have safe food. So why would we buy hydro
16 from Quebec when we don't have it here in our
17 country and would not allow it to be in our
18 country. When you do that, you are agreeing
19 with the destruction that is part of the world.
20 We are all part of the world and so when you buy
21 something that's so destructive to this country
22 and to everyone else it isn't right. I can
23 equate it to buying a stolen TV and if you buy

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1 that TV then you are promoting a thief to be a
2 thief.

3 There are a lot of small businesses here
4 starting up and really doing well doing solar
5 and biomass, geothermal, and when Hydro-Quebec
6 starts to come down if they do come down, they
7 could hurt all these small businesses. I
8 recently spoke to a man from Ashland when we
9 were welcoming the Northern Pass to Ashland and
10 he said that he was a dam man that had a dam
11 job. He actually operated the dam in Ashland.
12 And he told me that if the Hydro-Quebec came
13 through he would lose his dam job.

14 I also spoke to many people from -- I
15 didn't speak to them, my sister spoke to them,
16 from the biomass plant in Bridgewater. They all
17 believe that if Hydro-Quebec comes down they
18 will lose their jobs. Now these are jobs that
19 are not spoken about and they need to be thought
20 about because we have all these industries and
21 little companies that need to survive, and I
22 think there's time to stop outsourcing our power
23 needs to other foreign countries. I think it is

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1 time that we start keeping the money in our
2 country and promoting jobs that are for our good
3 and for our own little companies here. Thank
4 you.

5 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
6 Gretchen Draper?

7 GRETCHEN DRAPER: Yes. I'm Gretchen
8 Draper. Live in New Hampton. I've returned
9 here to speak to this group once again, and I'm
10 going to state my opposition to the Northern
11 Pass project. This revised plan that we have in
12 hand now did not address any of my environmental
13 concerns for the things that the transmission
14 lines will cause. It also doesn't discuss nor
15 offer any alternatives, plan and it mainly
16 proposes to bury 8 miles of transmission line in
17 Coos County. I'd also like to remind everyone
18 that Northern Pass is not just the northern Coos
19 County problem. That Northern Pass is a New
20 Hampshire problem. And what happens to the
21 Northern Pass is going to be affecting us all
22 now and into the future. So I'm very concerned
23 that we continue to have this deep and thorough

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1 investigation into what's really going to happen
2 if Northern Pass is permitted.

3 I like to think of big picture questions.
4 So I have four main areas that I would like this
5 committee to look into. In the first is the
6 corporate culture of these companies that we're
7 inviting to our state. So I'm very concerned
8 about their environmental records, what do they
9 do with public opposition, how do they use their
10 money which I think we've seen how they use
11 their money. How do they communicate their
12 message, and how do they treat public concerns.
13 So this is what I'm very concerned about with
14 the Northeast Utilities, Public Service of New
15 Hampshire, Northern Pass and any related
16 corporations.

17 I also am going to echo what the lady
18 before me was talking about that part of the
19 maybe thrust here is that Hydro Quebec's energy
20 is clean and green. I really wonder what our
21 definition is of clean and green. I've read
22 that the area that Hydro-Quebec is already
23 flooded. This does not even include their

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1 future plans. It would cover 80 percent of the
2 State of New Hampshire. I tried to picture
3 that. I'm thinking so where does it go?
4 Pittsburg to Concord, Pittsburg to Manchester,
5 underwater. And my question is is a project of
6 this scale or impact permitted in the United
7 States now, and if not, how do we justify and
8 are we willing to purchase and accept the
9 corporate project that wouldn't even be legal if
10 done on our own soil.

11 Finally, I think in New Hampshire the main
12 thing is that the environment is the economy. I
13 live in New Hampton. We're going to have 7
14 miles and 55 towers. We have a right-of-way
15 that parallels the Pemigewasset River. This is
16 a year-round recreational area that wasn't even
17 mentioned in the plan. It has kayakers.
18 There's also the scenic views from Bristol
19 Square which was really -- *out of time*.

20 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
21 Gretchen. Just a little reminder that we all
22 agreed that there would be no clapping until the
23 very end of the speaker's allotted time so

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1 remember that. Next speaker, Fred Brownson, but
2 I'm also going to call up Mike Marino, Thomas
3 Mullen, Ron Willoughby, Mark McCulloch, Susan
4 Arnold. The floor is yours.

5 FRED BROWNSON: Thank you for your
6 opportunity to speak this evening. I'm here to
7 speak for a very small minority, I fear. I do
8 support every effort that can be put into
9 getting Northern Pass to agree to bury their
10 line, but if they agree to bury it, and we get
11 an approval of that in the upcoming EIS
12 statement, I suspect I will be a very small
13 crowd at the hearing for the EIS draft
14 complaining that there should be no Northern
15 Pass at all, buried or otherwise, and I plead
16 with DOE and their staff and their consultants
17 to do a very deep dive into the area of my
18 greatest concern.

19 Of lesser concern on the no Northern Pass
20 is its negative impact on the economy and tax
21 base of the State of New Hampshire, but to me by
22 far the bigger issue, one that I don't have an
23 answer to, frankly, and I have not the

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1 capability to produce the answer, and it is my
2 reliance on the panel that's sitting in front of
3 us and the people they have working with them to
4 get the answer to the question. What is the
5 impact of Northern Pass on the vulnerability of
6 the expanding and more complex grid to
7 catastrophic failure. Last night I submitted a
8 memo that identified 7 specific threats that
9 have occurred historically, will occur in the
10 future, perhaps with a small probability in the
11 next 20 years. Perhaps they could happen any
12 day. I'll talk to a couple of them this
13 evening. We're undertaking a very small
14 underfunded research project to try to provide
15 some further insight to DOE on the issue of what
16 the impact in these various areas might be and
17 what the research lines they might pursue could
18 be.

19 I have one quote and that's about all the
20 time I'm going to have to offer, but one of the
21 threats is cyber attack. I have a quote, two
22 years ago former director and then Secretary of
23 Defense Leon Panetta reported in the Washington

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1 Post there is a strong likelihood that the next
2 Pearl Harbor we confront could very well be a
3 cyber attract that cripples our power systems,
4 our grids, security system, financial systems,
5 our government system. Two Sundays ago there
6 was a panel exploring the unintended
7 consequences of bombing Assad's chemical
8 resources. One of the commentators said, well,
9 we cyber-attacked Iran. Iran is a partner of
10 Syria. We could very well have Iran countering
11 with a cyber attack on us.

12 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
13 Fred.

14 MIKE MARINO: Good evening. My name is
15 Mike Marino, and I live in Holderness, New
16 Hampshire. I've spoken at a previous scoping
17 hearing in 2011 and I've had two telephone
18 conversations with Mr. Mills. Since I am
19 wearing an orange T-shirt I guess I don't have
20 to tell you how wrong I feel the Northern Pass
21 project is to New Hampshire. So today I'd like
22 to tell you about how one of my neighbors feels
23 about the project. His name is Milton Huckins

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1 and he died on February 24th, 2013, at the age
2 of 94. However, prior to his death, he gave me
3 a sworn statement of his concerns which I will
4 read. However, first I'd like to tell you a
5 little bit about Mr. Huckins so you can judge
6 for yourself about his feelings. Mr. Huckins
7 was born in Holderness, New Hampshire, on
8 November 14th, 1918 and he was a farmer his
9 entire life and lived on his family farm. He
10 was a good steward of the land. He was quite
11 remarkable. He ran in 20 marathons between the
12 ages of 57 and 72. From the age of 78, until he
13 was 90, Mr. Huckins was a substitute teacher at
14 the Plymouth Regional High School. I now want
15 to read his statement.

16 I, Milton Huckins, state that I have lived
17 on my family farm in the New Hampshire on Route
18 175 in Holderness, New Hampshire, for 9 years.
19 My statement concerns a right-of-way that the
20 family sold to the Public Service of New
21 Hampshire in 1952 to widen an existing
22 right-of-way sold to them in 1928. High steel
23 replacement towers are planned for the Northern

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1 Pass project for that right-of-way. We no
2 longer own that land, but the proposed towers
3 would be visible from our home and from the
4 homes of many of our neighbors. We join with
5 all who also have to view them, endure the
6 uncertainties of a much greater electromagnetic
7 field, reduced property values and destruction
8 of landscapes views for miles. This was never
9 anticipated when the previous rights-of-way were
10 sold to enhance our life's work, make our life
11 easier for us and our neighbors and should not
12 be forced upon us now. Knowing that the
13 Northern Pass is not needed for use today in New
14 Hampshire makes it unacceptable to us. These
15 are major reasons why we have to stop the
16 Northern Pass sign on our front lawn.

17 Now, in closing I'd like to say that it is
18 the obligation of the federal government to say
19 no to this poorly planned project unless the
20 total 180 miles is buried. You must save New
21 Hampshire from 1500 steel towers made in China.
22 Thank you very much.

23 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,

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1 Mike. Our next speaker, Thomas Mullen.

2 TOM MULLEN: Thank you very much. Tom
3 Mullen. I live in Campton, New Hampshire. I'm
4 a real estate developer. My project up in
5 Campton at Thornton is called Owl's Nest Resort
6 and Golf Club. I think a few of you have played
7 there over the years. Can I see a show of
8 hands? If you're one of the folks that voted to
9 make Owl's Nest the number one golf course to
10 play in New Hampshire in 2013 I thank you even
11 more. Appreciate it.

12 I want to talk briefly about the
13 announcement that took place last October of
14 2010. When that announcement was made that the
15 Northern Pass was going to be coming through and
16 there would be 14,000 linear feet of it coming
17 through Owls Nest, we had four pending sales at
18 the time. Lot sales. Three of those sales went
19 away. One closed to the very substantial
20 discount to the original asking price. There
21 have been no sales. Zero sales of land owned by
22 Owl's Nest since October of 2010. None. And we
23 can't survive without lot sales. However, there

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1 were two sales that just closed very recently.
2 They were not sales of our property, they were
3 resales of other properties. One of those was a
4 lot sale that sold to someone who lived on the
5 same street. It sold originally for \$145,000
6 and it just closed at \$20,000. \$20,000. There
7 was another sale recently was the sale of a
8 house and a little village we have called
9 Linkside. That lot originally sold, that lot
10 and house originally sold for \$495,000. It does
11 not see the Northern Pass, but if they go out
12 and play golf they would see it and that just
13 sold for \$255,000. 495,000 down to 255,000.
14 I'm sorry that the folks in Franklin are no
15 longer here because they keep claiming that
16 there's really no impact on property values.
17 The folks from Northern Pass will claim there's
18 no impact on property values. But I can tell
19 you there's a huge impact. It costs us to about
20 \$60,000 to create a lot. Our bank tanks 70
21 percent of every sale price with the minimum of
22 45,000. I can't sell a lot right now at Owl's
23 Nest for the price the bank requires at closing.

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1 \$45,000. So Owl's Nest is for all practical
2 purposes out of business until something changes
3 and unless something changes and we certainly
4 hope we're around when and if that happens.
5 Thank you.

6 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
7 Thomas. Ron Willoughby.

8 RON WILLOUGHBY: My name is Ron Willoughby.
9 I live in North Haverhill, New Hampshire. We
10 have all heard the many negatives regarding
11 Northern Pass including reduced property values,
12 ruined vistas and the dangers of a huge
13 electromagnetic field. These are not opinions.
14 These are irrefutable facts. My personal
15 experience will lend credence to them.

16 I currently have a one million volt power
17 line, a DC line, very similar to what Northern
18 Pass is proposing coming over my property. That
19 goes from Quebec to Massachusetts. The lines
20 snap, hum, crackle, whenever we have rain, snow,
21 sleet, anything that has a lot of moisture. The
22 electromagnetic field is huge. It is known to
23 cause leukemia. You heard that from other

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1 speakers and other ailments as well. Would you
2 want your kids playing there?

3 The project started out over my property in
4 1928 with one set of towers. Then went to two
5 and it then went to 3 towers. The right-of-way
6 over my property is 300 feet wide, but they got
7 three sets of towers, total of a million volts
8 in 300 feet. Northern Pass wants 1200 feet.
9 You can guess why. There is only the tip of the
10 iceberg we're hearing about.

11 I had my property appraised before and
12 after the alternative route was proposed because
13 I am very close to the alternative route. The
14 value of my property declined in that short
15 period of time by \$200,000 and these are
16 appraisals done by very respected real estate
17 agents. I was also told that if I sold it I
18 would have to add a disclosure stating that
19 Northern Pass might come through that area.
20 Might. I'm not even on the main route. And
21 that if I did do this I could be sued by any
22 person that bought it if in fact the project did
23 come through that area.

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1 Northern Pass claims that there would be
2 1200 short-term jobs created. I'm a little
3 dubious of those numbers, but even if it's true,
4 those jobs with the exception of logging and
5 clearing of land and things like that are not
6 going to go to common New Hampshire people.
7 Erecting towers and stringing transmission
8 lines, some probably by helicopter, are very
9 highly technical job and the average electrician
10 isn't even qualified to work on projects like
11 that.

12 Hydro-Quebec presently supplies most of the
13 power for Vermont. They also owns dams in
14 northern New Hampshire and they also supply
15 power to the New England grid. If we have a
16 terrorist attack on one company it could put
17 most of New England in the dark. I don't think
18 it's a good idea to concentrate the power that
19 way. Northern Pass is unwanted, unneeded and
20 bad for New Hampshire. Once built it's too
21 late. Our Governor, Executive Councilor Ray
22 Burton, both US senators and various other
23 officials have -- says wrap up. Doesn't say end

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1 it. Do not sell your neighbors in northern New
2 Hampshire out. Don't take the position that if
3 it is not over your land then it's all right.
4 It is not all right. I guarantee you that any
5 person that might think -- I lost my power base
6 here.

7 MODERATOR: Just so you know. I apologize
8 for the plan that we didn't lay out that rule
9 but you guys did give me the power to solve the
10 problem and make sure that the speaker stops
11 when Travis stands up. That was our agreed upon
12 rule, and we also employed the use of Zach's
13 microphone technician that in the event it's
14 needed, we can have him cut the mike once Travis
15 stands up. So that is what you just witnessed
16 happening. Are we okay with that happening in
17 the future? Thank you. Thank you, Zach.

18 Our next speaker, Mark McCulloch. I'm
19 going to call up Sara Tracy, Ken Merrifield, Jim
20 Aberg, Donna Keeley. Thank you. The floor is
21 yours.

22 MARK MCCULLOCK: Before I begin tonight I'd
23 like to apologize for any hearing loss I created

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1 for the DOE members, our friends, last night in
2 Concord. It was an emotional night. My name is
3 Mark McCulloch. My wife Chelsea and I own a
4 home and a maple sugaring business in North
5 Stratford, New Hampshire. We have lived there
6 for the past 26 years and plan on living there
7 for the rest of our lives, but the last few
8 years have been a living hell thanks to the very
9 misleading environmentally and socially
10 destructive project called the Northern Pass.
11 This project had a prior route with no existing
12 right-of-way this was going to split our
13 property in two and destroy 40 miles of our
14 neighbor's property to the north and ruin
15 another 140 miles to the south including the
16 White Mountain National Forest. Northern Pass
17 learned quickly that they had a fight on their
18 hands and one that money was not going to easily
19 resolve so they sent 11 hired lobbyists to our
20 state capital and 7 more to Washington, D.C. to
21 influence our politicians to not allow our
22 state's eminent domain law to be changed by
23 thousands of concerned New Hampshire citizens

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1 opposed to this project. I stand here today and
2 say thank you from the bottom of my heart to
3 representative Larry Rappaport and all the New
4 Hampshire elected officials for submitting and
5 supporting the principal beliefs of House Bill
6 648 against eminent domain as it pertains to
7 this for-profit based project. You will go down
8 in political history as New Hampshire's heroes.
9 The Northern Pass route has now changed because
10 of your efforts and is no longer directly
11 affecting our home or land. I do believe in our
12 state's motto live free or die and as a very
13 last resort I thought I might have to sacrifice
14 everything for everything my wife and I have
15 worked so hard for. I'm so glad it did not come
16 to that. Now let's protect the rest of New
17 Hampshire. Off the cuff, there's one woman who
18 is sitting in the audience tonight that I'd like
19 to thank. Her name is Susan Schibanoff. Bury
20 the Northern Pass. We'll save the rest of our
21 clapping and give it to Susan Schibanoff. We
22 owe an awful lot to you.

23 MODERATOR: Try not to respond to speakers

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1 trying to get you all to clap because we all
2 agreed at the beginning that we were going to
3 clap for the speaker at the end of their three
4 minutes so thank you for remembering that rule.
5 Susan Arnold. Our next speaker.

6 SUSAN ARNOLD: That's me. Good evening.
7 I'm Susan Arnold for the Appalachian Mountain
8 Club. Thanks for this opportunity. AC is an
9 intervenor and will be submitting more detailed
10 written comments before the deadline. AMC's
11 mission is to promote the protection, enjoyment
12 and understanding of the mountains, forests,
13 water and trails of the Appalachian region. We
14 helped pass the 1911 Weeks Act creating the
15 Eastern National Forest system and the White
16 Mountain National Forest. Two years ago we
17 celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Weeks
18 Act. The results of this EIS process will be
19 critical to determining what New Hampshire, the
20 White Mountain National Forest and the
21 Appalachian Trail will look like 100 years from
22 now. AMC offers the following 6 scoping
23 recommendations. Thoroughly examine cumulative

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1 impacts. This EIS is the foundation of all the
2 decision-making processes. It is paramount to
3 include an in-depth analysis of the cumulative
4 impacts of Northern Pass to the White Mountain,
5 AT, State of New Hampshire and individual towns.
6 AMC's updated GIS scenic assessment approximates
7 that more than 11,000 acres in New Hampshire
8 including almost 2,000 acres in the White
9 Mountains would be negatively impacted in the
10 most visually sensitive zero to 4-mile range.
11 There are 17 New Hampshire towns that could have
12 2000 to more than 8000 acres impacted in that
13 same range, Concord being the worst. Reject the
14 White Mountain National Forest as the preferred
15 alternative. The revised application reveals
16 that tower heights in the White Mountain will
17 increase over two-fold from existing conditions.
18 The White Mountain National Forest is a national
19 treasure. It was not set aside to enable
20 for-profit electrical infrastructure projects.
21 The proposed route should be rejected.
22 Hydro-Quebec is the appropriate context for
23 studying alternatives. DOE must consider all of

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1 Hydro-Quebec's options as it reviews reasonable
2 alternatives in this EIS and not buy into the
3 limitations created by its relationship with NU.
4 Examine all alternatives. The alternatives
5 analysis should examine burial and other routes
6 as well as energy conservation and efficiency,
7 demand side management and distributed energy
8 generation. They all offer significant
9 benefits.

10 The EIS must look at impacts in Canada. To
11 produce 1200 megawatts, HQ's large scale
12 hydropower includes mega scale flooding of
13 boreal forests and organic soils and massive
14 river diversion equivalent to flooding New
15 Hampshire's largest town, Pittsburg. If clean
16 and green is part of the application, they need
17 to look at that. Finally, this flawed scoping
18 process needs to be revised. There's been a
19 flaw in the contractor selection for the
20 project, there's lack of data available to the
21 public and the Section 106 process is proceeding
22 with no public involvement.

23 As you've heard earlier, neither DOE or the

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1 applicant has much credibility with the public.
2 This is tragic. It is essential that DOE makes
3 this permit review process fair and transparent.
4 Please extend this scoping period and given all
5 the delay that's already happened let us have
6 that public data and that opportunity to review
7 the EIS alternatives. Thank you.

8 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
9 Susan. Second call on Sara Tracy. Second call
10 on Ken Merrifield. He spoke. Not listed that
11 way. Jim Aberg. Donna Keeley. And then the
12 fresh names. Steve Sabre? Anne Hunnewell.
13 Louis Lieto. Dave Dobbins. And that, my
14 friends, would round out the list of
15 preregistered speakers. Do we have Sara Tracy?
16 I think that is a no. Jim Aberg? I don't know
17 whether I'm in order or not. Steve Sabre.

18 STEVE SABRE: Okay. Good evening,
19 everyone. My name is Steve Sabre. I'm a
20 resident of Easton, New Hampshire. And first
21 I'd like to site my previous testimony to this
22 committee two years ago in Lincoln and other
23 submitted EIS comments as they were equally as

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1 valid now since the current proposal has done
2 nothing to address the previous concerns.
3 Tonight, however, I'd like to address some
4 statistics on particular section of the proposed
5 route that lies within the White Mountain
6 National Forest. This is Bog Pond country.
7 This track is situated in Lincoln between the
8 Kinsman ridge trail, Mount Pemigewasset and
9 North Woodstock. This remote mountain basin
10 contains an ecosystem of complex wetlands and
11 diverse forest habitats important to numerous
12 species including some listed in the state and
13 federal lists of species endangered, threatened
14 and of special concern.

15 The area contains important deer yards and
16 critical moose wintering habitats as well as
17 aquatic summer forage for moose whose
18 populations are currently in decline in the
19 Whites. The wetland system here contains bog,
20 pond, riverine and riparian habitats critical to
21 a host of species including many reptiles and
22 amphibians. The pond and brook contain
23 population of wild and possibly native brook

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1 trout adapted to this specific niche waters.

2 Among listed species known to inhabit this
3 area include American Martin and Canada Lynx.
4 As recently as this spring, Canada Lynx were
5 confirmed along, tracks of them were concerned
6 along Kinsman ridge near Lonesome Lake and
7 Franconia Notch. This is near the terminus of
8 Kinsman ridge trail, several miles north of
9 where Northern Pass's proposed route bisects the
10 trail and drops into Bog Pond country. The
11 likely direction of travel of this elusive cat
12 would either be south into Bog Pond country or
13 north out of Bog Pond country. New Hampshire
14 Fish & Game has since incorporated this area
15 into its Lynx protection zones. The remoteness
16 of this area, tracts of shrubby spruce for a
17 habitat and an abundant population of snowshoe
18 hare provide the three key elements to sustain
19 Canada Lynx. The dinner table is set for their
20 return. Construction activities for the
21 Northern Pass in this area would severely impact
22 numerous species no matter what season the
23 construction were to take place.

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1 Heavy equipment, helicopters and
2 construction crews would push wildlife out of
3 these critical habitats, disrupt the soils,
4 would bring threats of nonnative invasive plants
5 to the basin. Disturbance of wetlands would
6 affect water quality. And work done in the
7 autumn would affect -- *time ran out.*

8 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
9 Steve. Jim. Do we have a Jim? We have no Jim.
10 Anne Hunnewell. May I speak instead of my wife?
11 Is that possible?

12 ANNE HUNNEWELL: I said either I or Richard
13 on the note.

14 MODERATOR: That's fine.

15 RICHARD HUNNEWELL: Thank you. My wife is
16 a second grade teacher. I'm Richard Hunnewell,
17 her husband of 46 years.

18 MODERATOR: When my wife tells me to speak,
19 I listen and speak as well.

20 RICHARD HUNNEWELL: Thank you very much for
21 giving us this opportunity to speak this
22 evening. I have a rather long speech here but
23 because of some of the excellent points that

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1 have already been made I'm going to make mine
2 rather abbreviated and going to approach it from
3 a slightly different tact, I think. Later 19th
4 century authors, poets and artists extolled and
5 celebrated in verse and painting the sublime
6 beauty and natural wonders of the very land we
7 are standing or sitting on right now. The lakes
8 and mountains regions of New Hampshire. In
9 fact, they believed it was sacred ground and the
10 preservation of this natural environment was a
11 sacred trust. To do otherwise was a betrayal of
12 our trust. We've heard this evening of numerous
13 individuals, later generations of New Hampshire
14 citizens, who in great faith and good faith have
15 continued to honor that sacred trust through
16 measures to preserve and protect New Hampshire's
17 scenic beauty. Surely we cannot fail in our
18 generation to protect that enormous legacy for
19 future generations of New Hampshire citizens.
20 Every day that I cross the campus of Plymouth
21 State University and I look out over towards
22 Holderness and east towards that magnificent
23 prospect called Mt. Prospect I keep thinking of

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1 how ravaged that would be by the rapacious reach
2 of Hydro-Quebec, and I would invite these panel
3 and other members of the DOE to accompany me on
4 that walk, stand on the University green and
5 look out towards Holderness and also imagine the
6 extraordinary defacing that would occur.

7 We ourselves live in a very modest home in
8 Holderness. It also isn't abutting the proposed
9 route. In the last four years we've had two
10 appraisals, independent appraisals. Our home
11 has declined over \$40,000. It's a very modest
12 home. Finally, we respectfully request that the
13 Department of Energy and all government agencies
14 participating in this legal process respect the
15 natural heritage of New Hampshire and say no to
16 Northern Pass and please support alternative
17 renewable energy projects which provide new
18 training and permanent jobs for New Hampshire
19 workers. Thank you.

20 MODERATOR: Thank you, Richard. Thank you,
21 Anne. Next speaker, Louis Lieto?

22 LOUIS LIETO: Thank you for the opportunity
23 to address you. I want to point out at the

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1 outset just so there's no confusion, I don't
2 believe I'm either ignorant or subversive, and I
3 believe that no one in this room is, those on
4 this side or this other side. I think we just
5 respectfully disagree, and occasionally there's
6 emotion about it, and it's your job to extract
7 that emotion, throw it away and focus on the
8 facts. I'm also not going to tell you a lot of
9 technical details of the arguments because I
10 suspect you have engineers and scientists that
11 far exceed my knowledge. I will point out that
12 you've listened on occasion to a false contrast
13 about whether or not this particular technique
14 does or doesn't encourage CO2, what have you. I
15 don't think that's the subject of the
16 application. The application is reviewable
17 according to the regulations that you have
18 before you.

19 So why am I here wearing blaze orange. I'm
20 here because I think there's an important
21 element of the review process that isn't set out
22 explicitly. I was told and I think it is
23 correct based on my own prior experience that

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1 your obligation is to review the application and
2 to ensure it's complete. I submit there's a
3 previous statement or previous principle
4 involved there, and that is that you have to be
5 persuaded that the applicant is trustworthy
6 because if the applicant is trustworthy, the
7 words on the paper are valid and if the
8 applicant is not trustworthy the words aren't
9 worth the trees it took to make the paper.

10 In this particular case, the applicant has
11 been disingenuous. They have been misleading at
12 best and others have used more harsh words.
13 They have been dismissive and arrogant in
14 dealing with the concerns of the state that they
15 wish to go through. Perhaps we're wrong. Tell
16 us we're wrong in a respectful way. Don't
17 ignore us, blow us off, market us with baloney,
18 and try to convince our politicians without ever
19 addressing us particularly. Propose a new plan
20 that has substance in it, defend that substance.
21 Don't hammer us with a trivial change to the
22 original place.

23 My point is very simple. Its been made by

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1 CEO's and made by my father. Don't work with
2 anyone you don't trust. Trust is not limited to
3 one issue. If a person or a corporation is
4 untrustworthy, they are fundamentally
5 untrustworthy and anything you do with them is
6 very bad business. Thank you.

7 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
8 Louis. Our next speaker will be Dave Dobbins
9 and after that, as I said at the start of this
10 is we were to go starting at 7:30 again. We're
11 going to run until 9. If that's okay with
12 Cynthia. 15 minutes of break and 9:15 we'll
13 continue to the end. So then after Dave, Neil
14 McIver, Richard Hage. David Darlington, Frank
15 Miller, Brian and Linda Phelps. If that's both
16 of you speaking then you'll each get 3 minutes,
17 by the way. And Elizabeth Terp. Come on up to
18 the on deck circle. Dave, you're on.

19 DAVID DOBBINS: Good evening. My name is
20 Dave Dobbins, and I'm the resident of Gilford,
21 New Hampshire. Just about two and a half years
22 ago we were here, you'll all remember that,
23 folks, and here we are again. Well, I've read

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1 the amended application with its stated benefits
2 and listing of key developments since the last
3 filing. I have categorized it as an interesting
4 work of fiction with a presumptuous narrative
5 which leads the reader both unsatisfied and a
6 bit agitated. For those who have not had the
7 opportunity to review either application, here's
8 my Cliff notes version of where things stand
9 currently. Okay. Let's forget about American
10 energy independence. Enter into a 40-year
11 exclusive foreign agreement with a foreign
12 government. Exaggerate the economic
13 environmental benefits of New Hampshire. Cram
14 1500 high voltage towers in existing
15 right-of-ways that are actually a public asset
16 purchased by New Hampshire ratepayers for in
17 state use. Say that the power is for New
18 Hampshire but deliver it out of state. And
19 since eminent domain has been taken away from
20 our original plan use the \$42 million from
21 Hydro-Quebec to pester, bully, intimidate or
22 coerce as needed the residents of communities
23 where there is no existing right-of-way so we

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1 can get a rough route area and refer to the
2 whole ordeal as working with willing landowners.
3 Oh, and let's say that we'll bury a small
4 portion of a secluded area and even though we
5 don't have a legal right to do that, it will
6 appear that we are listening. And now even
7 though we have no legal claim to be able to site
8 the transmission corridor or any viable
9 alternate route, we can file an amended
10 application with the Department of Energy. Same
11 bad idea. More bad behavior by the developers.

12 Also I do have a special component that I
13 will be providing to the DOE for the official
14 record in its review of the EIS for this
15 project. This special component is a
16 recognition that within my allotted time there
17 is no way that I could convey to you the essence
18 of New Hampshire and what stands to be lost
19 should this proposed project ever be allowed to
20 be constructed. On behalf of its producers, I
21 am including for your EIS review a copy of the
22 recently released documentary on the project.
23 It is I think appropriately titled Northern

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1 Trespass. Thank you.

2 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
3 Dave. Neil McIver.

4 NEIL MCIVER: Honorable members of the
5 board, my name is Neil McIver. I'm a member of
6 the Plymouth Selectboard and served several
7 terms in the New Hampshire legislature. I've
8 been an objective observer of this proposal and
9 I have no immediate interest either way, but I
10 see this not as a partisan issue but a grass
11 roots issue. After 40 years in business in this
12 area, I have worked hard and sacrificed to live
13 here. As a professional environmental
14 scientist, I'm aware that our future is under
15 assault. For 40 years, see, New Hampshire State
16 Office of Planning has stressed that the future
17 and foundation of our economy is recreation and
18 tourism. The collective wisdom of the general
19 citizenry has serious doubts about the benefits
20 of this project and genuine fear of the
21 consequences. The real impact of this project I
22 believe will adversely affect our economy and
23 our society. Thank you.

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1 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
2 Neil. Richard?

3 RICHARD HAGE: Thank you. I'm Dick Hage,
4 and I oppose Northern Pass in any form but if it
5 must be, orange believes in burial in either
6 form. New Hampshire citizens are overwhelmingly
7 opposed to Northern Pass, many entirely. We
8 already know that 1200 megawatts industrial
9 transmission is not clean. It is absolutely
10 criminal what has happened to our displaced and
11 marginalized neighbors north of the border.
12 That must never happen in New Hampshire, whether
13 in Whitefield, Franklin, or across the river
14 that beautiful hillside in Holderness. 1500
15 towers of up to 135 feet is a forever bargain at
16 least for many generations. Property values,
17 flora, fauna, serenity, majestic beauty, human
18 and other creature health, homegrown jobs, green
19 energy, local economies even living free will be
20 heinously and compromised by contrast with
21 Northern Pass. Orange loves New Hampshire.
22 Orange cares deeply. Orange is sincere. Please
23 listen to orange. Forever scars are an

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1 unacceptable price for our children's children
2 to pay in order to line the pockets of private
3 corporate sponsors, especially of unneeded
4 transmission lines. NP's proposed technology is
5 antiquated but towering scars would certainly
6 provide sponsors with great profit, not in any
7 of New Hampshire's reasonable interests. The
8 White Mountains is a creation of world class
9 beauty that provides residents and visitors an
10 unparalleled quality of life. How dare any
11 individual or any corporate regime desecrate
12 such sacred treasure, such a gift. We cannot
13 stand by and watch our neighbors along the
14 transmission route have property values ruined
15 their way of life ruined.

16 By contrast, orange honors New Hampshire's
17 past, embraces her present, is a steward of her
18 future. We must look greener. If Northern Pass
19 must be entertained at all, the very least we
20 can demand is that it use modern technology.
21 Orange believes in progress, only green,
22 healthy, preservative of nature. Orange
23 believes buried again in either form. Orange

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1 comes in all sizes, shapes, faiths, please hear
2 our prayer.

3 MODERATOR: Thank you, for your comments,
4 Richard. David Darlington?

5 DAVID DARLINGTON: Yes.

6 MODERATOR: Before you start let me call up
7 a few other names. Norma Koski, Daria Meshenuk,
8 Lynelle Surprenant. Garth Woolsey. Andrea
9 Woosley. Go ahead. Thank you.

10 DAVID DARLINGTON: Yes. Thank you. David
11 Darlington. Property owner in Litchfield,
12 Groton and Columbia, New Hampshire. To be quite
13 honest with you, I'm not really sure why we're
14 here today. We've had these hearings back in
15 March of 2011 based upon an incomplete
16 application from Northern Pass. And as of today
17 there's yet to be a complete application by
18 Northern Pass. It's the submittal being
19 discussed to do with no alternate routing
20 provided and the single routing provided has no
21 legal access for part of the route with little
22 chance it can be completed as proposed without
23 illegal land taking. Additionally it requires

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1 development of a commercial enterprise on the
2 National Forest land. The first question to the
3 DOE is why is this review process been restarted
4 at this time with an incomplete submittal. In
5 my 30 years of experience working with the US
6 government agencies, I submitted numerous
7 proposals to the U.S. government and if the
8 submittal was incomplete it would have been
9 returned with no action. I don't know how
10 Northern Pass qualifies for special
11 consideration. However, since DOE has accepted
12 the application as-is I believe it should be
13 evaluated on the basis that is provided by
14 Northern Pass which is there's only one
15 available route and technology approach for the
16 project, and there's no other alternative
17 routing that the Northern Pass organization can
18 pursue. We all know there are other
19 alternatives and the State of New Hampshire has
20 even provided an opportunity for them. However,
21 as part of the review I don't believe that it's
22 DOE's responsibility to reengineer the project
23 or provide alternative solutions on its own

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1 other than to evaluate competing applications.

2 Since Northern Pass requested an all or
3 nothing review, I believe it is imperative for
4 DOE to provide, to review the benefits and
5 environmental impact between the single route
6 proposed by Northern Pass and a not to build
7 anything alternative. Obviously, the
8 environmental impact between building Northern
9 Pass and not building it is a no-brainer. So
10 what's the benefit of a single route. It's
11 already been shown that there is a need for the
12 electrical grid, Northern Pass has already said
13 there's no economic benefit to northern New
14 Hampshire. They proposed a supplemental funding
15 for jobs because they know there's no economic
16 benefit, even though the numbers may be fuzzy.
17 The northeast including Hydro-Quebec have
18 already developed an alternative to this project
19 and it runs through New York. Thank you.

20 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
21 David. I'd call Frank Miller. I've got no
22 Frank Miller. Brian Phelps. Linda Phelps?

23 SPEAKER: Could we get an answer to the

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1 question from Mr. Mills that was just posed?
2 Why we're here for the incomplete application?
3 Can we get that question answered, sir?

4 MODERATOR: If you recall, one of the
5 earlier ground rules was no questions. So
6 unless -- I will pose it to the table. Do you
7 have any?

8 SPEAKER: We're all sitting here. Let's
9 hear the answer. Change the ground rules. Let
10 them answer the question.

11 SPEAKER: Incomplete application. No
12 alternatives. Why are we here? Why are you
13 here?

14 MODERATOR: Thomas? We will continue with
15 the process as we have laid out. There are no
16 questions from the audience. There is a public
17 comment session. If you would like to leave,
18 you are welcome to leave. Follow one of the
19 exits. But our job here today --

20 SPEAKER: This is America.

21 MODERATOR: Thank you. I was wondering
22 where we were.

23 DAVID DARLINGTON: I assume they'll be

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1 answered in the EIS statement of why we're
2 proceeding on a single alternative and it should
3 be either up or down or single and alternative.
4 You can address it in the DOE's response. You
5 don't have to do it here.

6 MODERATOR: Thank you, David. Now let me
7 be clear. We're going to continue as we have
8 been. Does anyone want to leave? If we're
9 going to continue to ask questions, I will ask
10 one of the officers to escort you out. Can we
11 go? Elizabeth? Our next speaker.

12 ELIZABETH TERP: Thank you. My name is
13 Elizabeth Terp from Thornton. This week I
14 learned TransEnergieUS, Hydro-Quebec's
15 transmission division, sponsored the 2004
16 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Conference
17 held in Hartford, Connecticut. From the FERC
18 website details of this conference I learned
19 that several studies were reported at that time
20 which confirmed the reliability of underground
21 transmission. In 2003 North Carolina Utilities
22 Commission found that underground outage rates
23 were 50 percent less than overhead. In 2000 the

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1 Maryland Public Service Commission found that
2 underground systems of urban utilities have
3 lower frequency and duration of outages. In
4 1998 the Australian government found that high
5 voltage underground systems had 80 percent less
6 outages than overhead. Significantly,
7 TransEnergie Australia, a subsidiary of
8 Hydro-Quebec, built the longest underground
9 transmission line in the world at 110 miles.
10 The Murraylink in Australia. It was completed
11 in 2002. The Murraylink was hailed as a
12 project, quote, developed by a foreign-owned
13 company that is showing a great regard for
14 Australia's natural environment. My question is
15 why is Hydro-Quebec turning a blind eye to its
16 own work elsewhere and trying to foist an
17 antiquated system on New Hampshire. This is not
18 about supplying power economically to New
19 England. This is about corporate greed, poised
20 to make long-term bucks off sleeping New
21 Englanders. In return, they'll provide us with
22 increased health and energy costs, guaranteed
23 for the long run.

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1 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
2 Elizabeth. I have an empty on-deck circle.
3 Norma Koski. Daria Meshenuk. Lynelle
4 Surprenant. Garth Woolsey. Andrea Woolsey.
5 Honorable Deborah Reynolds. Stephanie Oleson.
6 Sally Davis. Sally?

7 HON. DEBORAH REYNOLDS: Good evening. My
8 name is Deb Reynolds and I'm a resident of
9 Plymouth, New Hampshire. From 2006 to 2010 I
10 had one of the most important honors of my life
11 to serve as the New Hampshire State Senator for
12 Senate District 2 including 31 towns, 4 of which
13 were in Belknap County and the rest in Grafton
14 County. I am vehemently opposed to this project
15 and I've expressed my opposition consistently
16 over the past several years. I share the
17 sentiments of my friends and neighbors who are
18 with you tonight. This project will destroy New
19 Hampshire's environment, cripple our 250 million
20 dollar tourism industry for years to come and at
21 the end of the day it's simply not worth the
22 cost. I have been so impressed by so many
23 statements so many people have made tonight it

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1 just almost brings the tears to my eyes but I do
2 think without repeating a lot of the arguments
3 that we've heard tonight one of the things that
4 I would mention to you in addition to looking at
5 the alternatives, burying the lines, also
6 looking at Hydro-Quebec as a power source and
7 including that as part of your environmental
8 review. You know, I've heard a lot of
9 frustration tonight and it's hard to really
10 encapsulate how much stress, how much
11 disappointment and anger folks have felt over
12 the past couple of years, but I do think the one
13 legal issue that is compelling is if in fact the
14 application is not complete, the thing that you
15 can do and you have the legal authority to do it
16 is just dismiss it. Dismiss it with prejudice.
17 End this nightmare. Thank you very much.

18 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
19 Deborah. Sally Davis.

20 SALLY DAVIS: Yes. I live in Thornton, New
21 Hampshire. I looked at the website of the DOE
22 today because I wanted to understand better
23 where you're coming from, and I saw several

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1 things of interest that I'd like to talk about.
2 One was you mentioned that from 18 to 33 billion
3 dollars in the country is spent every year from
4 weather outages. Because of that problem it
5 seems to be like having more lines above ground
6 makes absolutely no sense and is against what
7 you are actually saying is a problem in the
8 country. The second thing was the size of the
9 grid. I've tried to understand this and I've
10 been very frustrated. For example, we have some
11 wind towers that have been produced here which
12 have to go off line because the lines can't
13 handle a power surge if we need more power so
14 we're totally out of date anyway and PSNH has
15 not brought those lines up to date, but the real
16 goal to me and what's on your website is
17 something called a microgrid. Do you remember
18 seeing something like that? Where we get
19 something small, something that supports a town
20 and community building, places where solar and
21 wind can go. So that we're not dependent on one
22 another and so we're not so vulnerable for cyber
23 attacks. That's what I think you should be

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1 looking at, and I think the fact that you're
2 even supporting something like this is really,
3 really out of line and outdated.

4 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
5 Sally. Next list of speakers for on deck.
6 Adrienne Michaud, Harry Hitlian, Sandra Jones,
7 Neil Kaplan, Stephen Pascucci, Robert King.
8 Sandra, it's yours.

9 SANDRA JONES: All right. My name is
10 Sandra Jones. I live in Holderness on Mt.
11 Prospect. I work in Plymouth. I've been here
12 since five p.m., yes, a few hours now. I have
13 no idea what I can say that will stop this
14 project, but there's one thing I really want the
15 panel to know. The Plymouth Holderness,
16 Campton, Rumney community is known nationwide
17 for banning together as a community to reduce
18 our energy consumption through energy efficiency
19 and renewable energy. We've gotten an award
20 from the Department of Energy, the Plymouth area
21 Renewable Energy Initiative. When we talk about
22 impacts of this project, you can't imagine the
23 morale, the impact on our morale that the

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1 backdrop of our town is going to have these huge
2 towers that say to us every day that the people
3 south of here are not working as hard as we are
4 to address the energy crisis we're all in, and
5 absolutely breaks my heart to be the founder of
6 this initiative ten years ago and working with
7 communities all over New England to work on this
8 and learn how to do this. I'm talking hundreds
9 of businesses and families in this community
10 that are working to reduce their energy. That's
11 where our government's public interest should
12 be. Please continue your programs with Energy
13 Star, all the wonderful programs that are in
14 place to teach Americans how to reduce their
15 energy consumption so we don't need Hydro-Quebec
16 coming across our border. Thank you.

17 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
18 Sandra. Christopher Hunt, Shannon Perkins, Tom
19 Poirier, Mike Novello.

20 CHRISTOPHER HUNT: Christopher Hunt,
21 Northfield. I have just a brief comment. Very
22 powerful community here. Going to Whitefield
23 tomorrow. Good luck. My comment is to suggest

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1 that the Department of Energy study the benefits
2 of utilizing the existing 2000 megawatt
3 transmission corridor that enters on the
4 Canadian border and runs parallel to the
5 proposed Northern Pass corridor either with the
6 use of the existing transmission towers
7 utilizing the right-of-way in common or widening
8 the right-of-way. This would be the most
9 minimal environmental impact I could imagine.
10 My comment is that if this is in the national
11 interest, to access 1200 megawatts of
12 electricity, the joint use of this single
13 right-of-way should be included in the scope of
14 the Presidential Permit. Common sharing of
15 utility poles by phone, cable and fiberoptic is
16 normal. The increased capacity on Interstate 93
17 is accomplished by the widening of the roadway.
18 The use of electricity is a national priority
19 and supersedes individual right-of-way rights,
20 hence I see the term of eminent domain. That
21 was basically my proposed analysis. We all know
22 that the true way to prevent expanded
23 transmission line is conservation and the south

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1 is usually the main consumption and hopefully
2 conservation and a smart grid and alternative
3 energy sources will be in play but this was my
4 belief. Thank you.

5 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
6 Christopher. Steve Pascucci. Thank you. Next
7 speaker, Steve Pascucci.

8 STEPHEN PASCUCCI: Hi, my name is Stephen
9 Pascucci of Franklin, New Hampshire, and I'm
10 here again because I'm concerned that I might
11 not be heard. I come before you this evening to
12 express my concern regarding Hydro-Quebec's
13 proposed Northern Pass project. I am concerned
14 about Hydro-Quebec's business practices and how
15 they may affect the environmental study being
16 made along with this utility monopoly's proposed
17 deal with the people of New Hampshire. I see a
18 government business that is regulated by the
19 same government that operates it. I see a
20 government business whose idea of
21 environmentalism is different than mine and most
22 of the people of New Hampshire. I see a
23 government business that dug through mountains

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1 and rerouted whole rivers. I see a government
2 business that treats humans as obstacles to
3 progress. What I see is a Cree indian nation
4 that said no and a government that forced
5 political will on a minority population and made
6 it look like they said yes. Exactly when has
7 that ever been acceptable? What I see is a
8 government business that multiple times built on
9 land that wasn't theirs and found ways to make
10 it legal after the damage was done. I see a
11 government business whose answer is to use money
12 as its right, its solution maker, it's false
13 apology. I ask you to consider that based on
14 their excessive historical precedent this
15 government business, Hydro-Quebec, may not honor
16 all their promises and obligations and seek to
17 offer money redirected from the pockets of its
18 customers as its apology and leave us with a
19 state more damaged than they once led us to
20 believe. Please consider what happens when we
21 cannot reverse the concrete and steel damage
22 done to our local farms and families who helped
23 build this state, to our farms and countryside,

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1 to our very own White Mountain National Forest.
2 Please consider what happens when this project
3 is not enough and they come back for more. This
4 project is not about what is good for New
5 Hampshire. This project is about what is good
6 for Quebec. If this project had been good for
7 any other state they would have jumped at the
8 offer. This project has been rejected multiple
9 times and it is a bad investment for them, it's
10 a bad investment for New Hampshire. I know the
11 price that Franklin sold out for. I'm told that
12 our tax base will increase some 40 percent and I
13 stand to benefit from that. That is a big piece
14 of bait. For our elected officials, that have
15 approved of this project and for anybody pushing
16 approval for this project, I wonder what their
17 price was. I wonder what was the price they
18 sold out for. Please tell me, please tell my
19 fellow citizens of New Hampshire, please tell
20 Hydro-Quebec that our representatives cannot be
21 bought. Thank you.

22 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
23 Stephen. Next speaker?

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1 TOM POIRIER: My name is Tom Poirier. I
2 live in Concord, New Hampshire. The community I
3 live in is right along where the lines where
4 this transmission is proposed. There have been
5 questions about a lot of things. I'm not
6 normally one who gets involved. I'm not an
7 activist. I work a lot, 60 hours a week. I'm
8 lucky to have a job, I feel. I was brought into
9 this by just hearing the word that they were
10 going to take land by eminent domain. I'm
11 really angry right now just saying that. That
12 was supported by our Chief Justice David Souter
13 years ago, and knowing these people in the North
14 Country here and further knowing that they're
15 undergoing trauma in their lives, my idealism
16 probably isn't what it was when I was in my 20s,
17 I'm more of a realist now and I just, I can't
18 speak for all the figures and the facts that
19 everybody's spoken before me. I'm speaking from
20 the heart that I know what these people are
21 feeling in some respect just talking to them,
22 listening to some of them. And at some point
23 this is a huge entity and you guys sit up here,

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1 and look at us as just maybe as this is just a
2 job for you, it's another meeting you've got to
3 go to. But this is a place that we call home.
4 Our President's name was invoked earlier which
5 was another thing that angers me, but if he's so
6 intent upon modernizing our power system, he
7 wants to do away with coal, what are we doing
8 with towers then? 25 years ago I was living in
9 Pembroke, New Hampshire, and Tenneco, I think it
10 was, brought God knows how many miles of gas
11 lines up through to Concord and further north.
12 I've got one minute left and there's too much to
13 say. They buried gas lines. Why aren't gas
14 lines above ground. What are they spending all
15 this money on? All this propaganda. Propaganda
16 to try to turn people to accept these towers.
17 They could spend all this money and put it
18 underground. \$28 million in tax revenues, 1200
19 jobs. Those jobs would still be there if they
20 were burying the line. 28 million dollars in a
21 state of 1.3 million people. That's a lot of
22 money. When's my check. Seriously, I don't
23 want to live on promises of money. I would

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1 rather have a guarantee of an underground line
2 that would be good for the future and maybe the
3 next time they want to come through again, we
4 would accept very easily another underground
5 line. Thank you.

6 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
7 Tom. Do we have a Mike Novello? Alex Herbst.
8 Mary Lee. Gene Meier. Patty Merrill. Randy
9 Farwell. The floor is yours.

10 ALEX HERBST: Thank you. My name is Alex
11 Herbst. I'm a student here at Plymouth State
12 University, and I'm a student body Vice
13 President. I'm not speaking on behalf of the
14 students tonight. I'm speaking on my own
15 opinion. I'm originally from North Brunswick,
16 New Jersey, a place I doubt any of you have ever
17 heard of. It's about 7 and a half hours from
18 here and I take that drive up from New Jersey to
19 New Hampshire every year. New Hampshire is my
20 second home. New Jersey is fraught with power
21 lines and industry. I remember going to a
22 farmstand when I was 6 years old down the street
23 from my house right underneath high tension

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1 wires. I still hear the buzzing in my head when
2 I think of that place. Then I came to Plymouth.
3 Plymouth State was not my first choice in
4 school. It was actually Lyndon State College in
5 Vermont. I chose Plymouth though after I saw
6 the beauty of it. The beauty of this land, the
7 beauty of the White Mountains, the ability to
8 wake up in the morning in Grafton Hall and look
9 out my window and see the beautiful mountains.
10 I get to see that every day. My first year here
11 at Plymouth I was walking to my first class and
12 I'm a meteorology major so I was walking to Boyd
13 Hall. I stopped at about 8 o'clock in the
14 morning and I was looking between Silver Center
15 and Rounds Hall. I was looking at Mt. Prospect
16 and the absolute beauty of it. I realized that
17 this was truly my home. Plymouth is my home.
18 It will never change that way. And Northern
19 Pass threatens my home. It threatens a lot of
20 homes, a lot of people, a lot of my friends.
21 Lot of people I've really gotten to know these
22 past three years. It just does not make sense
23 to me why we would want to hurt our own people.

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1 As someone said earlier, this is America. We're
2 in a place where we have the freedom to be able
3 to express how we feel and what our opinions
4 are. I don't understand how the government can
5 be quiet right now. How you guys can sit up
6 there and not answer. I couldn't do that.
7 Maybe it's because I have a higher calling than
8 that. Because it's because I feel the emotions
9 of these people. But this is a very emotional
10 topic, not just for the people that live here,
11 but for the people that make their jobs here.
12 Now I have to go and do my job and be a student.
13 I have to go do my homework. Have to go study
14 for my exams. I'm asking you to please do your
15 job and take our opinions seriously. Thank you.

16 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
17 Alex. Appreciate it. Mary Lee.

18 MARY LEE: I'm Mary Lee. I'm from
19 Northfield which is really to me in the middle
20 of the state but they call it the southern
21 sector according to the Northern Pass maps. And
22 I was at the scoping meeting last night in
23 Concord. Happy to be here again. And it's

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1 important for me to be here because this is
2 America, right? We have a right to say whatever
3 we want and whenever we want without fear of
4 having our mikes cut off. I really enjoy the
5 dialogue because since Northern Pass came into
6 my notice, I have been working actively against
7 it and asking my friends to pay attention and
8 learn. I'm an educator and I'm still educating
9 myself as well as my friends, my neighbors,
10 everyone I meet. I received a phone call from
11 my brother in Boston the other day. He said
12 what is it with all these ads I've been watching
13 from Northern Pass. Now I know what you've been
14 talking about all these years. And he says
15 would you make sure I get a bumper sticker
16 against the Northern Pass. So the one I have
17 says Stop the Northern Pass. I've had it for
18 two and a half years. When it was stolen I
19 replaced it. I thought it was too impolite to
20 get the one in French. Hydro-Quebec vous en
21 allez, and I didn't buy that one but I think I
22 will now. The reason being that I was reading
23 the NEPA brochure and I realized that there is a

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1 no build, forget-about-it alternative and I
2 think it should be taken very seriously. I read
3 some of the comments in the past two and a half
4 years to educate myself on energy and especially
5 on the transmission that somewhat goes through
6 my yard. The second application proposes to
7 raise the towers because we have maintained the
8 same width, going to clearcut part of my buffer
9 so the half of the width that's going to be cut
10 enables me to have a clearer view of the power
11 lines, transmission, the steel towers, the H
12 frames, the monopole and everybody's been very
13 eloquent about why this should not go on in New
14 Hampshire. And I would like to teach, what is
15 your name? George. What is it?

16 MODERATOR: George.

17 MARY LEE: Hi, George. George has been
18 having a lot of trouble with French heritage
19 here in New Hampshire. So I would like to say
20 bienvenue au New Hampshire to all of you on the
21 board there and visit our lovely state, go up
22 and down our highways, enjoy our mountains, our
23 lakes, our ponds and I'm sure everybody here

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1 would love to have you visit and see what we
2 already have. I've been here 32 years. There's
3 a lot of concern about jobs. My job is to
4 protect my home here and my job is to keep it
5 beautiful. It's so beautiful. Thank you.

6 MODERATOR: Thank you, Mary. By the way, I
7 was thinking before you mentioned my name and I
8 was jealous of your French. Looks like I need
9 to call some more names. Let's see. Actually,
10 if you people don't mind, we're getting close to
11 that 9 o'clock mark but I probably have been 9
12 names left. So we're just going to blow right
13 through these if you don't mind. Shelly Noyes.
14 There is a library in my small town that's
15 called after that. Dan Heyduk. Paul Sokolski.
16 Robert Martin. Matt DeSchniteneer. If he's
17 here please come up. Rick Kfoury. Griffin
18 Fraser. Lynn Chong. John Cooley. And in that
19 order you can come up to the mike.

20 BOB MARTIN: My name is Bob Martin. I live
21 in New Hampton. I'm also a landowner where the
22 power lines are going to come through. It's
23 already an existing line now, and I've got three

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1 comments to make to the DOE, and that's no, hell
2 no, and hell, no, no.

3 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
4 Bob.

5 LYNN CHONG: That's hard to follow. I
6 guess I'll say ditto. I'm Lynn Chong. Our
7 older daughter Geneva is a 22-year-old
8 government-employed ecologist. She's worked for
9 the National Park Service and currently for the
10 US Geological Survey so for 22 years she's
11 worked for the government. She has lived in
12 both Colorado and Wyoming out west, she was born
13 here in Plymouth, New Hampshire. She's 43 now.
14 She started her government work when she was 21
15 just out of Cornell. And both Colorado and
16 Wyoming she's seen energy harvesting run rampant
17 and override environmental concerns. In her
18 22-year career she has seen scant chance of
19 environmental wins in the west. I introduce
20 this at this hearing because we could also stand
21 to lose all say in our environment. It could be
22 that this is the start, Northern Pass/
23 Hydro-Quebec overrunning us. Once the first

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1 damage is done, that new status quo will allow
2 other incursions. The first trash thrown along
3 the road encourages the next throw of trash.
4 That's an analogy. Trash New Hampshire with
5 Northern Pass's cheaper high transmission towers
6 and lines and other trash will come along. My
7 older daughter Geneva shows discouragement when
8 we talk about energy companies' destruction of
9 the western vista she's come to love. We must,
10 as Mr. Huckins put it, keep those 1500 steel
11 towers made in China. Keep them out. We must
12 love our New Hampshire enough to be the best
13 protectors of New Hampshire that we can be. We
14 must love our children and grandchildren enough
15 to be the best protectors of New Hampshire that
16 we can be.

17 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
18 Lynn. Looks like we have one more speaker.

19 JOHN COOLEY: Thank you. My name is John
20 Cooley, and I live in Center Sandwich, New
21 Hampshire, and I came to New Hampshire in the
22 mid 1990s to work on the White Mountain National
23 Forest for a year and since then have led high

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1 school hiking classes across the White Mountains
2 where the right-of-way is proposed and more
3 recently worked as a conservation biologist
4 throughout the state and gotten to know and
5 appreciate the North Country through that work
6 and also the difficulties of a process like this
7 and of the strength of a community of people who
8 are concerned about an issue like this.

9 I am opposed to the proposed Northern Pass
10 project. And don't have anything more to add to
11 all of the remarks that have been made tonight
12 beyond simply restating my concern that the
13 Department of Energy and this panel require the
14 scoping process to fully consider alternatives
15 beyond what has been proposed so far and to
16 fully consider the impacts of the concerns that
17 were raised tonight. I don't know how you're
18 going to be able to do justice to the concerns
19 about that. That relies somewhat on a
20 subjective value placed on the landscape.
21 There's ways to do that, I know, but I would
22 just offer my presence coming here today making
23 a 30-minute or 40-minute drive at this point in

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1 the long process that this has been when I
2 haven't been active to this point, but when I
3 heard about it on the radio today, I realized
4 that I needed to come and I'm glad to be here
5 trying to speak to my concern but also hoping
6 that my presence and my concern will be just
7 that small incremental testament to the value
8 the landscape has and that this project would be
9 impacting. Thank you.

10 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
11 John. We usually reserve this time after. So
12 we have gone through all the speakers. If
13 there's anybody else that would like to speak
14 please stand up.

15 PAUL DAVIGNON: Good evening.

16 MODERATOR: Hold on. Are you going to
17 speak as well?

18 PAUL DAVIGNON: Yes.

19 MODERATOR: I want to make sure that I get
20 you guys and then I also, I appreciate everybody
21 that's hung around this long, and I will have
22 some closing comments as well. So please.

23 PAUL DAVIGNON: My name is Paul Davignon.

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1 I come from Quebec. I have been in the White
2 Mountains numerous times, and I just love these
3 mountains. I was coming through today and I
4 heard of the meeting that you folks have, but I
5 want to give you a sense of hope and I hope that
6 you grab this hope and the hope is that in my
7 area there is Brome-Missisquoi. They prevented,
8 the elected representative prevented
9 Hydro-Quebec to go through the Sutton Mountains
10 and it was a success. That's near Jay Peak. So
11 I think there's maybe something that you could
12 grab and say well, maybe it could be done
13 differently. (Speaking French) there's a sign
14 that says no, you won't go through the Sutton
15 Mountains so I think there's hope, and it's
16 great the comments I heard.

17 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
18 Paul.

19 HARRY HITLIAN: Hi, my name is Harry
20 Hitlian. One the things I do is I run a United
21 Nations Carbon Sequestration Project in Costa
22 Rica so I know a little about the environment.
23 About a year ago I stopped and to talk to you,

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1 Tom. One of the things we discussed, Tom, was
2 that you have the power to stop this project.
3 You're part of the permit process of 8 permits
4 that are involved and you know you asked me a
5 very poignant question at the very end and you
6 said I hope all my years of work in the Forest
7 Service and all the work I've done is not going
8 to be judged by this one decision I make on this
9 Northern Pass, and I was kind of frightened by
10 that because of what the possible answer could
11 be, but I went and thought about it and I've
12 been thinking about it tonight and I say that I
13 think you know the answer to that from all the
14 people that responded. And it's almost like
15 eating at a restaurant. You're only judged by
16 your last meal. But this last meal is the most
17 important meal that you'll eat, and I think the
18 people will judge you very harshly. Your
19 friends, the people that you know, and
20 established friendships with all these years in
21 that area, and so that's the meaning of this.
22 It's really deep and important to the livelihood
23 of everyone that's at this meeting and a lot of

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1 it is in your hands. I just say don't do
2 anything foolish. Make the right decision.
3 That's all I have to say.

4 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
5 Harry. Any other speakers that have already
6 spoken care to speak again? I didn't think so.
7 And these are my personal comments as a
8 moderator. I'm not an expert on EIS process.
9 I'm brought in to try to put as much order as we
10 can to these meetings. Give everybody an
11 opportunity to speak. Interestingly enough,
12 yesterday a number of comments that, I've gotten
13 actually comments today as well that people seem
14 to think that I was favoring the orange team as
15 opposed to blue or green. I come completely
16 with a nonpartisan perspective on this, but the
17 thing that I try to do is keep order. I'm sorry
18 that a number of people in the room were
19 bothered by the process. Bothered or not
20 respecting the ground rules that we put in
21 place. There's a lot of passion on all sides.
22 To think that the people at this table are not
23 passionate or it's just another job for them is

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1 completely wrong. You know, we all have career
2 goals that we follow. These things are a part
3 of what we do, and we're trying tonight and the
4 next two nights to just getting all of the
5 comments in. To think that you're sitting out
6 there and coming up using the three minutes and
7 that somehow no one is listening, that is
8 completely wrong. You know, there's people
9 around the room that are capturing these
10 comments. People that are keeping score of how
11 many positive comments there are for it, how
12 many negative. So I feel your passion.
13 Hopefully, you get that sense that we have
14 passion on our side as well. It's a
15 controversial project. No doubt. It doesn't
16 take a whole lot of education on the topic to
17 realize that, but we're here to do a job. And
18 asking questions really isn't that relevant
19 because we're here to capture. We're here to
20 capture all of the comments, everybody's
21 perspective and opinions, and, hopefully the
22 next two nights will continue to, we'll get
23 better at this. It's kind of a constantly

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1 changing dynamic process so I appreciate the
2 fact that you've all stayed here. Hopefully
3 maybe you can give some of this message back to
4 other people wearing orange or other people
5 wearing blue or other people wearing green or
6 any other colors that they choose. Even people
7 with ties by the way. There's a few of us in
8 the crowd. So again, tomorrow we have a meeting
9 at Whitefield at the Mountain View Grand Resort
10 in the Presidential Room. It's 5 to 8 p.m.
11 Just like our 5 to 8 p.m. tonight. You know,
12 again, I got some comments and concerns that
13 well, we didn't start exactly five. There's a
14 half hour of talking out to the project people.
15 If you want to get a question answered, that's
16 your best time to come and ask those questions.
17 So again, we're going to have a meeting in
18 Colebrook on Thursday, the 26th. Again, 5 to 8
19 p.m., it will be the same routine. We will be
20 here, we're going to be talking about this
21 process when we leave here tonight, when we wake
22 up in the morning, and until five o'clock
23 tonight. Same thing on Thursday. So have a

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1 good night. Drive home safely and hopefully
2 we'll see some of you Wednesday, Thursday.

3 CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE: I want to thank
4 Diane, Jenny, the rest of the staff at Plymouth
5 State University for having us here again
6 tonight as well as the officers from the school.
7 Thank you very much for everything. Thank you.

8 MODERATOR: Round of applause for everyone
9 in the room. I also want to propose a round of
10 applause for our timekeeper.

11 HEARING ENDED AT 9:13 P.M.

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