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1 RICHARD J. SAMSON: Good evening. I'd like
2 to welcome everybody here tonight, the opponents
3 and proponents of this project. My name is
4 Richard J. Samson, Coos County District 3
5 Commissioner, the District we are in tonight. I
6 represent the largest District in the state, the
7 entire northern portion of our state. I am also
8 a registered intervenor in this process. This
9 ill-fated project will not only negatively
10 affect our District but the entire state with no
11 long-term benefits. For the written record, I
12 have presented the committee with letters from
13 the Selectboard of Clarksville and Stewartstown
14 and they are opposing this project. Included
15 are warrant articles from those town meetings
16 2010, '11 and '12 supporting the position of
17 each town and requiring total burial of all
18 future transmission line projects.

19 A point of fact. 7 million acres of boreal
20 forests have been flooded and destroyed thus far
21 in Quebec. North America's Amazon River Basin.
22 The methane gas by Hydro-Quebec is 20 times more
23 potent as a greenhouse gas than CO2.

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1 Decomposing organic material from Hydro-Quebec's
2 flooding and destruction has significantly
3 raised the already high levels of mercury, a
4 highly bioaccumulative environmental toxin. It
5 is strictly and totally against United States
6 law to do here in the United States what
7 Hydro-Quebec has done to Canada, the United
8 States and the entire world's environment, not
9 to mention the Canadian Inuit Indians. I do not
10 accuse or blame the Department of Energy for the
11 United States or New Hampshire's lack of
12 self-reliant, long-range sustainable energy
13 policy. New Hampshire is now working on this,
14 and by denying the Presidential permit for
15 Northern Pass that will help the United States
16 to develop our own plan and policy releasing us
17 from our dependence on foreign oil and foreign
18 hydropower.

19 Northern Pass has and continues to
20 manipulate, skirt and bend the requirements for
21 this ill-fated proposed project. Northern Pass
22 has filed 179 separate map files throughout
23 their application. It includes 2300 new

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1 structures; 1219 high voltage DC, 319 high
2 voltage AC and 747 relocated HVAC towers. The
3 structures in the southern section of the route
4 are actually taller than the average of 100 feet
5 as opposed to the average 90-foot structures in
6 the northern section. This application is
7 incomplete and extremely misleading to the
8 Department of Energy, the State of New Hampshire
9 and Coos County as it was two years ago.

10 The government is constitutionally required
11 to protect the legal citizens of this country.
12 It is not required to protect the interests and
13 profits of corporations and foreign governments
14 at the expense of legal citizens. I, therefore,
15 as Coos County Commissioner District 3
16 respectfully request that the Department of
17 Energy deny the permit for this proposed
18 Northern Pass project. Respectfully submitted,
19 Richard J. Samson. Thank you.

20 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
21 Richard. Our next speaker? Mr. Rappaport.

22 LARRY RAPPAPORT: Good evening. My name is
23 Larry Rappaport. I am a State Representative

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1 for Coos District 1 which includes all towns
2 from North Stratford north and east until the
3 Maine border. I am a member of the House
4 Science, Technology and Energy Committee, the
5 Chairman of the Transmission Subcommittee and a
6 member of the House Electric Restructuring
7 Committee. I'm a board member of the Coos
8 Economic Development Corporation and the Coos
9 Planning Board and Chairman of the Colebrook
10 Development Corporation and sit on other boards
11 and committees as well. I am the author of two
12 current bills affecting electric transmission in
13 New Hampshire plus a third already passed into
14 law which prohibits transmission companies from
15 utilizing eminent domain.

16 I'm opposed to the Northern Pass project as
17 it is now constituted. I believe all elective
18 transmission projects over 120,000 volts or
19 otherwise requiring support of over 50 feet
20 should be buried. I do not believe that the
21 public should ever be required to subsidize
22 large corporations. Other states, Connecticut
23 and Massachusetts, might well be faulted for

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1 failing to plan for their energy needs, but the
2 Independent System Operator of New England, the
3 group designated by the federal government to
4 regulate the grid, does not see a requirement
5 for this project. They and the Federal Energy
6 Regulatory Commission have ruled it as elective,
7 allowing the corporation to realize a higher
8 return, but simultaneously declaring that it is
9 not needed to keep the lights on. If states to
10 our south have failed to plan and implement, why
11 should New Hampshire be asked to suffer.

12 You will note that I am not opposed to
13 providing more power to our southern neighbors
14 from New Hampshire because New Hampshire already
15 exports considerably more than we use, and
16 Canadian power might be a solution.

17 I firmly believe, however, that such power
18 must be delivered underground, if at all. The
19 Quebec power supplier, Hydro-Quebec, has already
20 used it in a number of projects. One very
21 viable alternative to the current plan would be
22 to split the power. Part would use the
23 underutilized aerial direct current transmission

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1 line in Vermont with the rest transmitted
2 underground along state transportation rights of
3 way. Virtually all of the towns in the northern
4 part of New Hampshire have publicly voted to
5 oppose this project. We would accept the
6 proposal if it were buried either in its
7 entirety or as outlined or above. It would
8 still contribute to New Hampshire tax revenue,
9 it would still provide jobs, but it would not
10 require our citizenry to subsidize a large
11 corporation. Burial would not destroy our
12 beautiful scenery, the last asset we have here
13 in northern New Hampshire. Thank you very much.

14 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
15 Laurence. Howard Moffett, next speaker.

16 HOWARD MOFFETT: Thank you. My name is
17 Howard Moffett and like Larry Rappaport, I'm a
18 State Representative, but I'm a State
19 Representative from down south in Canterbury at
20 the other end of what the proposed Northern Pass
21 line would be. I'm here simply to show support
22 for those of you who have fought this line as it
23 is proposed to be brought into New Hampshire on

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1 towers 100 feet up in the air. I am not opposed
2 to the importation of Canadian hydropower. I
3 agree with Larry about that. I am opposed to
4 bringing it in 100 feet up in the air. We have
5 the technology to bury a line like this. It can
6 be done. It is being done. It is being
7 proposed in states to the east of us in Maine
8 and states to the west of us in New York. It is
9 only New Hampshire where they want to bring this
10 power in 100 feet up in the air. Northern Pass
11 says it would cost too much to bury it. Don't
12 believe it. It might cost more than it would to
13 put it overhead if they try to bring it in over
14 the White Mountains or along rocky ground, but
15 we've got state transportation corridors,
16 interstate highways, railway corridors, natural
17 gas pipeline corridors where the ground has
18 already been softened up. We can put this stuff
19 to 6 feet underground where nobody is going to
20 be bothered by it, but to trash New Hampshire's
21 scenic landscapes for the benefit of electric
22 consumers in southern New England, is simply
23 unacceptable. So stick with your guns. Let's

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1 make them put this underground. Bury it.

2 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
3 Are you guys elected officials, too? No. Okay.
4 We've got a couple of seats over here. We've
5 using that kind of an on deck circle for
6 speakers if you don't mind.

7 Sorry for the disruption. Now we're going
8 to get to those preregistered speakers. So
9 Cindy-Lou Amey. E.H. Roy. Charles Morgan.
10 Samuel Bird. Bill Schomburg. And Cindy, if you
11 want to just come right up?

12 CINDY-LOU AMEY: Ladies and gentlemen, good
13 evening, Mr. Mills. We welcome you back. Other
14 than these scoping hearings, have you ever
15 visited our Great North Woods or our great White
16 Mountains or the Connecticut River Valley? New
17 Hampshire is a truly wonderful place. It's
18 filled with natural treasures and peopled with
19 individuals and groups of tremendous spirit and
20 resourcefulness of which you're probably
21 becoming aware. A couple of years ago we
22 gathered in the same old public place in order
23 for you to hear officially our objections to the

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1 Northern Pass transmission project. At that
2 time did we fail to convince you? Were we not
3 clear? Not united in our position against this
4 project? Have our objections faltered or
5 lessened since then? No, they strengthened and
6 have increased in numbers. So why are we here
7 again? In the end we're the ones who will pay
8 the cost for having you here to tell you what we
9 have already told you. We've remained firm.
10 This project, despite the changes it now
11 proposes, does not qualify as maintaining
12 conditions under which man and nature can exist
13 in productive harmony. That quote comes
14 directly from the National Environmental Policy,
15 Title 1 section. So again, why are we here.

16 You know, as an educator and a parent I
17 learned a long time ago if a child asked to be
18 granted something they should not have because
19 it's bad for them or bad for others, that it's
20 my job to respond with a firm no. Sure, they're
21 going to come back and suggest amendments,
22 compromises, conditional assurances which might
23 manipulate me into wavering, but do the changes

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1 proposed alter my duty as a responsible adult?
2 No. Also there comes a time when you tell the
3 child enough. You've had your chance to make
4 your case. You failed. Now, go spend your
5 energy doing what you know is the right thing to
6 do.

7 Mr. Mills, when will enough be enough? I
8 respectfully request that you firmly recommend
9 to the Northern Pass LLC that they either do the
10 right thing or make way for those projects which
11 will, and please tell them to stop whining about
12 the cost of burying the entire line along the
13 state right-of-way. It's rather insulting to
14 have them do so when they promised their
15 investors a 12 percent rate of return and expect
16 a yearly income from this line of \$60 million.
17 Hum, I wonder if the rate of return promised to
18 their investors is as solid as the jobs and
19 reduction in energy costs New Hampshire has been
20 promised.

21 Finally, I would like to remind you of
22 something that was stated by Mr. Sam Bird during
23 the first scoping hearings. There is no right

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1 way to do the wrong thing. Currently, Northern
2 Pass LLC is an American entity looking for your
3 approval. How will you feel if in a few years
4 we find that it had been sold to Hydro-Quebec,
5 yet another foreign entity, and that this has
6 been the plan all along. Hence the reason that
7 Hydro-Quebec has been so willing to finance it.

8 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments
9 Cindy-Lou. E.H. Roy.

10 E.H. ROY: My name is E.H. Roy. I'm a
11 resident and property owner in Stewartstown.
12 For many unfortunate reasons, the proposed
13 Northern Pass project is not appropriate for
14 Stewartstown. We have voted against it already.
15 For New Hampshire we produce more power than we
16 use for our country and for our planet. The
17 magnitude of the landscape transformation in
18 Canada associated with such hydro projects is
19 astounding and tragic. We must not condone such
20 major destruction of habitat, loss of free
21 flowing rivers, and the increased generation of
22 carbon dioxide from flooded organic matter.
23 This project not does not correct but

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1 contributes to unwanted climate change.

2 Here in Coos County a few temporary
3 unskilled labor jobs, a brief increase in room
4 occupancy and meals served during the
5 construction phase and a momentary abatement in
6 property taxes will hardly compensate us for the
7 long-term depression of our property values, the
8 long-term negative impact on our tourism
9 industry, and the long-term potential risk to
10 our health. This is a lose/win proposition and
11 we would lose. The energy crisis for macro
12 hydrogenerated power are indeed low, but they
13 will only stay low for Northern Pass power until
14 Hydro-Quebec has enough market penetration in
15 the US to influence prices, and that does not
16 require a majority share of the market. Just
17 look at the impact of swing producers of Middle
18 Eastern oil. Learn from that. It's just as
19 important for the US to guard against electrical
20 energy dependence as against fossil fuel
21 dependence on other countries. The solution for
22 citizens, towns, counties, states and our great
23 country is to take responsibility for

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1 electricity use by sustainably developing our
2 renewable energy resources, not, not by getting
3 addicted to cheap tainted power from
4 Hydro-Quebec. Every state in the Northeastern
5 US has adequate renewable energy resources to
6 power itself. Connecticut and Massachusetts
7 have no excuse. And the Northern Pass project
8 has no excuse to use New Hampshire as a door mat
9 to wipe their dirty soles.

10 MODERATOR: Thank you, Mr. Roy. Next
11 speaker will be Charles Morgan. Next on deck
12 will be Mark Armstrong, Jack Savage.

13 CHARLIE MORGAN: I'm Charlie Morgan from
14 Clarksville. Ben Young Hill. In 1948 in the
15 fall I was licensed by the Federal
16 Communications Commission as an amateur radio
17 operator and have enjoyed the hobby ever since.
18 Now, this hobby, there have been many, many
19 times when disasters have occurred that
20 warranted the use of amateur radio to help out
21 with very bad situations when other forms of
22 communication had been pretty well cut off.
23 Now, with the Hydro Quebec overhead lines which

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1 by the way are going to go right in front of my
2 view on Ben Young Hill, a little over 2000 feet,
3 that would take the communication and completely
4 wipe it right out, and there would be no help
5 from any of us amateurs living in the area.
6 There's another thing I want to address on that
7 is the fact that in 1998, in Quebec, they had a
8 massive ice storm. This was freezing rain, a
9 massive ice storm that knocked down 3100 of
10 those monstrous towers, and in Montreal itself I
11 understand there were close to three weeks where
12 they were cut off from power. The Eastern
13 Townships lost it up to two months and there
14 were many fatalities as a result of this
15 shenanigans that was going on. So it's just,
16 it's just going to be a very bad thing and of
17 course you've got those leaky insulators and
18 ozone and all that business getting into the
19 atmosphere, there's a very severe damage to the
20 cells of the body and it's going to be a very
21 bad time if over a long period of time there
22 certainly will be increased cancers, all kinds
23 of things. That's that why we have signs up

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1 here, live free or die. I'd rather live, not
2 die so there we are. Okay.

3 Now, any elevation above 2500 feet is in
4 the rime zone. That's where frozen fog comes
5 from clouds that freeze so I only got a few
6 seconds left here, but I want to say that those
7 lines 400 to 800 feet apart with very, very
8 heavy icing and that would be 24/7 when you get
9 into this, this rime zone, those are going to
10 come down and those investors are not going to
11 be very happy. I'm Charlie Morgan. Thank you
12 very much.

13 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
14 Charles. Samuel Bird. Also going to call up
15 Lynne Placey.

16 SAMUEL BIRD: Samuel Bird from Colebrook.
17 Good evening, everyone. I think I believe that
18 no matter how objective you try to be it is
19 impossible to spin or make an argument for the
20 Northern Pass project. I have very much tried
21 to go to the other side and look at it as
22 objectively as I could. Now, these are the
23 reasons why Northern Pass says we should accept

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1 their project. Jobs. Yes, there will be some
2 jobs, all temporary, and they would be at the
3 expense of doing permanent damage to the only
4 economic resource that this area has left. The
5 jobs will be temporary, the damage will be
6 permanent.

7 Property tax relief. If it came through
8 Colebrook like they had previously planned it
9 would have decreased property taxes on a
10 \$100,000 house \$140 a year. If you like it
11 broken down more, that's \$11.66 a month and that
12 was Northern Pass's figures that were released
13 two years ago that they published the chart.
14 It's on the internet. Tax to Coos County, \$1.5
15 million a year according to the Mayor of Berlin.
16 Of course, Northeast Utilities, their profits
17 for a year are estimated at \$68 million a year.

18 Reduced electric rates. According to the
19 analysts, the average bill would go down 97
20 cents a month or if it sounds more impressive,
21 that's \$11.64 a year.

22 Now, the possible job fund which is recent,
23 if built, Northern Pass would contribute/provide

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1 \$7.5 million to this fund over 5 or 10 years, I
2 forget which, and somebody figured out that
3 that's 77/100ths of one percent of the project's
4 cost and that's it. We get all of this for
5 letting Northern Pass erect 260 100-plus-foot
6 towers across 40 miles of our county. Does that
7 sound like a good deal? Here's what I think. I
8 don't want New Hampshire to be the door mat for
9 Massachusetts and Connecticut. I don't want New
10 Hampshire's symbol to go from the Old Man in the
11 Mountain to a 140-foot hydroelectric tower. I
12 don't want the Northern Pass project to be the
13 first to establish a right-of-way through the
14 North Country because many others for sure will
15 follow and then we'll just be an industrial
16 corridor for Massachusetts and Connecticut, and
17 I don't want the project to be built with Civil
18 War technology. If you want it, bury the other
19 172 miles of the line. I really believe that if
20 this exploitation really happens that never in
21 the history of our country will a state be
22 forced to give up so much for so little in
23 return. Two years ago, Cindy-Lou beat me to

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1 this, I said, there's no right way to do the
2 wrong thing. That's still true. And Northern
3 Pass proves it every day. Thank you.

4 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
5 Samuel. Bill Schomburg. Moderator is not sure
6 if he had invited Julie Moran up. So grab a
7 seat.

8 BILL SCHOMBURG: Bill Schomburg from
9 Columbia. Meriden Hill. God's country. People
10 of New Hampshire are vehemently opposed to this
11 Northern Pass scheme. I would like to ask the
12 DOE to consider the psychological effects on our
13 citizens if the federal government imposes its
14 will overriding the beliefs of citizens, local
15 governments and our state and federal officials.

16 New Hampshire's opposition was first
17 expressed in a a letter by Executive Councilor
18 Ray Burton written in 2010. Counselor Burton
19 who represents 97 towns and who has been a
20 leader in New Hampshire politics for over 34
21 years stated, quote, I've concluded the
22 negatives of this project as proposed far
23 outweigh the positives. In this year, Councilor

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1 Burton again stated his opposition believing
2 Northern Pass should look to burial along the
3 state rights-of-way.

4 I'd like to mention another letter written
5 early in this campaign against the Northern Pass
6 scheme. It was written by Paula Corliss who was
7 then in a rest home downcountry. She began her
8 letter with the following, quote, this whole
9 transmission line idea is an abomination. The
10 North Country's greatest asset is its people. I
11 ask the DOE to consider what happens to a people
12 when they experience a disregard of their desire
13 to be free of this Hydro-Quebec invasion and
14 when they witness the overriding of state and
15 federal political leaders by a foreign power and
16 a PSNH alliance. Our citizens understand this
17 scheme. 32 towns through which this
18 transmission corridor might pass voted
19 overwhelmingly at town meeting to oppose this
20 scheme. Individual landowners have refused to
21 sell out, turning down millions of dollars. Rod
22 McAllister stated, quote, my roots are deeper
23 than your pockets. He and Lynne Placey rejected

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1 millions of dollars and there's a long list of
2 local people right here in this audience who
3 have acted according to their conscious and
4 their sense of heritage rather than greed or
5 ignorance. What are the effects of these
6 patriots when a federal government clears the
7 way for a Canadian company and PSNH CEOs to
8 smash through land, homes and heritage. In
9 1982, a similar scheme by Hydro-Quebec tried to
10 push through the North Country.

11 Kenneth Poor at age 96 wrote against this
12 invasion of what he called God's country. Part
13 of his letter of opposition stated, quote, when
14 I was a boy, I heard a song. Take up your
15 musket and follow the drum. Here in New
16 Hampshire we haven't been called up to do that
17 now, but the good citizens will go down in
18 history as those who took up their pens to fight
19 this monster which is threatening at our gates.
20 Let us keep New Hampshire so that those who
21 follow in our footsteps will enjoy it as much as
22 we have. That's the end of Ken's letter. I
23 will wrap it up now.

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1 In closing, how will our people look upon
2 government when that government tramples the
3 will of its people placing the will of a
4 corporation's greed above the conscience and
5 heritage and will of its people. I trust the
6 beliefs of Ray Burton, Paula Corliss, and
7 McAllister family, the Placey family and the
8 list of others who refuse to sell out in the
9 fight against this scheme in the spirit of
10 Kenneth Poor. Look around at the orange in this
11 gathering tonight. I trust them over all the
12 CEOs at Northeast Utilities.

13 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
14 Bill. I thought I heard a little woo-hooing.
15 Let's try not to woo-hoo anymore. Mark
16 Armstrong. Like to also call up Sherry Knierim.

17 MARK AMSTRONG: I'm Mark Armstrong.
18 Forester with White Forest Management in Errol,
19 New Hampshire. These are my personal views. If
20 you travel outside the U.S., you begin to
21 realize how much we take for granted here at
22 home. For example, blackouts are a daily
23 occurrence in many countries. The rock solid

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1 reliable power grid we enjoy here didn't just
2 magically appear even though it seems to have
3 fallen into our laps like many things we have
4 simply come to expect. The experts responsible
5 for that power grid tell us we're going to need
6 to buy hydro power from our good Canadian
7 neighbors and I believe them. We will need this
8 power.

9 We will need this power because very little
10 has been done in the past 36 years since
11 President Carter proclaimed the effort toward an
12 energy independent America the moral equivalent
13 of war. During these past decades wealthy
14 nonprofit phony environmentalist racketeers have
15 successfully blocked any new construction of
16 hydroelectric or nuclear facilities which by
17 this time could have already been providing low
18 cost baseload power to this country right here
19 in this country. We will need this power
20 because over in Maine, the EPA and the phony
21 environmentalist racketeers have been busy
22 tearing out perfectly good, fully functional
23 hydroelectric dams to save the endangered

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1 Atlantic Salmon, the world's only endangered
2 species readily available at Hannafords for \$4 a
3 pound. We will need this power because in the
4 next few years the EPA has plans to go all
5 around the country shutting down coal-fired
6 plants like a spoiled kid blowing out the
7 candles on his birthday cake because these
8 coal-fired facilities emit carbon dioxide. We
9 will indeed need to buy this power with borrowed
10 money hot off the presses because these are the
11 policies of the people they say we elected, as
12 implausible as it seems that such imbeciles
13 could ever attain elected office, but we are the
14 generation too busy to participate in the
15 political process. The
16 take-everything-for-granted generation. We are
17 the fragile tea cup generation who put an end to
18 riding in the back of pickup trucks, the
19 generation too timid to build anything new to
20 help ourselves. The inactive introspective
21 offspring of giants who put men on the moon,
22 built the interstate highway system, the Hoover
23 Dam and saved the world from the Nazis. While

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1 we may not totally redeem ourselves for our
2 pathetic passivity and self-indulgence, if we
3 make the correct decision and keep the lights on
4 and build this simple power line, at least
5 future Americans might not refer to us as the
6 generation who let the lights go out. Make the
7 right decision and keep the lights on. Build
8 this power line.

9 AUDIENCE: I'd like to hear a lot loss of
10 the derogatory statements.

11 AUDIENCE: I second that.

12 MODERATOR: You want to hear less
13 derogatory statements?

14 AUDIENCE: The speaker made derogatory
15 statements. He referred to people's intellect
16 in a very negative manner.

17 MODERATOR: So you would like me to remind
18 him of the ground rules again? Thank you. I
19 was struggling with his accent so I didn't pick
20 up on it. So again, no personal attacks. Use
21 the Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would
22 have them do to you. Thank you for pointing
23 that out. We have next Jack Savage. I'd like

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1 to call up Paul Haslanger and John Amey.

2 JACK SAVAGE: I think the Moderator just
3 obliterated most of my statements. Just
4 kidding. Good evening, Mr. Mills and
5 Mr. Wagner. Thanks for listening this week. My
6 name is Jack Savage, and I have the privilege of
7 serving as Vice President for Communications and
8 Outreach for the Society for the Protection of
9 New Hampshire Forests. As you know, the Forest
10 Society filed as an intervenor in opposition to
11 the original Northern Pass application, and we
12 remain opposed to the Northern Pass application
13 as amended. On Monday we additionally suggested
14 that the DOE thoroughly study multiple
15 alternatives that would completely bury the
16 Northern Pass transmission line.

17 You may have also observed this past week
18 that New Hampshire residents and landowners
19 value our landscape and the economy it supports.
20 In fact, you may say that we're a little crazy
21 about it. Our collective passion for the
22 mountains, lakes, rivers and views where we live
23 has been on display. Sometime we even love the

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1 dirt underneath the roads that we own.

2 We believe the voice and will of the people
3 matter when it comes to decision-making and
4 permitting. We would ask you to include as part
5 of the EIS some measure of the overwhelming
6 objection to Northern Pass has proposed, and
7 some measure of what the impact would be if a
8 permit were granted despite those overwhelming
9 public objections. Though there is no binding
10 popular vote on Northern Pass, our opinions need
11 to count and be acknowledged in the EIS. To
12 that end, I bring you tonight 1100 cards from
13 residents and landowners from 115 towns across
14 New Hampshire that we've received in the last
15 week, all addressed to the Department of Energy
16 expressing opposition to Northern Pass. Each
17 card includes the name and address of the person
18 and their reasons for objecting to Northern
19 Pass. (Dumping the cards on the table)

20 To be fair, we also received cards from
21 those who support Northern Pass. Their opinions
22 matter, too. And so I bring you tonight those
23 cards as well. For the record, there were 22.

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1 That's a 50 to 1 ratio by the way.

2 In a democratic society the opinions of the
3 people affected by government action such as the
4 Presidential permit or the White Mountain
5 National Forest special use permit should count
6 for something. We ask you to make sure the EIS
7 for Northern Pass and this permitting process
8 does exactly that. In conclusion, the primary
9 purpose of a Presidential permit is to make a
10 determination that a project crossing an
11 international border actually serves the public
12 interest. A strong argument can be made today
13 that based on hearings there has been a strong
14 expression by the public that is not in their
15 interest. We believe the DOE should consider
16 based on public input a conclusion that the
17 public interest will not be served by granting a
18 Presidential permit for this project as
19 proposed. If the DOE reaches such a conclusion
20 it should reject the application and cease any
21 further work on the EIS. The DOE should declare
22 Northern Pass DOA.

23 MODERATOR: Are you going to clean that up

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1 for us?

2 JACK SAVAGE: My three minutes is up.

3 MODERATOR: Okay. Moderator will say that,
4 one, he's surprised that his support of props
5 yesterday has come back to haunt him. Thank you
6 for your comments, Jack. (Picking up the cards
7 off the table) That's nice. Thank you. I
8 appreciate that. You can have three minutes to
9 do that, by the way.

10 Our next speaker, I switched the order so
11 the next speaker is Julie Moran, and after that
12 is Lynne Placey or I need to spell P L A C E Y.
13 The floor is yours.

14 JULIE MORAN: Thank you. Thank you all for
15 coming tonight. I noticed that the shirts for
16 the Northern Pass changed from green to blue,
17 and I wonder if that's an admission that
18 Hydro-Quebec is not green? I suggest that maybe
19 what they covered up in an ocean of blue in all
20 of the land in Hydro-Quebec is a million drowned
21 trees that can no longer sequester carbon
22 dioxide. In fact, they now emit tons of
23 methane. I would like to know how much methane

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1 that is doing and how that is contributing to
2 global climate change.

3 I am suggesting that we have an
4 international claim against Hydro-Quebec because
5 their country is polluting our country and our
6 world. In fact, it gets much worse. The ground
7 mercury that was harmless before it was buried
8 is now toxic, and the toxic mercury is not only
9 going in the fish that is in the dammed-up area,
10 but on top of that it's going from the dam to
11 the river to the international waters of our
12 Atlantic Ocean. We eat the fish in our Atlantic
13 Ocean. I think Europe and the United States and
14 all the rest of the countries in the Atlantic
15 Ocean need to talk to Hydro-Quebec and say
16 please stop polluting our water. We're going to
17 not have fights over oil. Ladies and gentlemen,
18 we're going to have fights over clean water and
19 the ability to drink without being polluted by
20 Hydro-Quebec's mercury.

21 I have to say that I would, I think the
22 pollution, I would like to know how long it's
23 going to take for the pollution to reach our

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1 lobster beds. I'd like to know how long that
2 mercury is going to take to reach our Atlantic
3 salmon. I'd like to know how long it's going to
4 take to reach our fishermen, our scallop beds,
5 our oysters. I would like the DOE to
6 investigate how long before Hydro-Quebec's
7 dammed new oceans will eliminate all our seafood
8 sources and industries. How many jobs are
9 there? Thank you.

10 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
11 Julie. Do I have Lynne Placey?

12 LYNNE PLACEY: What's the first name?

13 MODERATOR: L Y N N E.

14 LYNNE PLACEY: That's me.

15 MODERATOR: Come on. It's yours.

16 LYNNE PLACEY: Clearly, it is evident that
17 the majority of New Hampshire citizens do not
18 want this Northern Pass project as proposed. To
19 those of you charged with the responsibility of
20 listening to we the people of this most
21 beautiful state, please heed what you hear and
22 make a wise decision. Refuse to allow the greed
23 of a foreign corporation to dictate the future

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1 of our state's landscape. For those of us God
2 blessed to have been born here and those who
3 have chosen to come here to live because of the
4 natural pristine beauty, this project as
5 proposed is a personal invasion and insult. I
6 do not want my children, my grandchildren, and
7 the future generations to inherit anything less
8 than what we have been so fortunate to live in.
9 I do not want them to believe that we sold out
10 to the greed of a foreign corporation. Rather,
11 I wish they remember us as principled people who
12 treasured the land, its beauty and splendor,
13 desiring to keep it unscathed and free from
14 monstrous towers and refuse to succumb to the
15 love of money.

16 Some of you have said to me, you're too
17 emotional about this. For my emotion, I do not
18 apologize. This country was founded by citizens
19 who were emotional. They came here to escape
20 being dictated to. They wanted the voice of the
21 people to be heard and to have the opportunity
22 to make decisions for themselves.

23 This will be a test for the future. Will

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1 those of you scoping truly scope and listen to
2 the people? I trust you will. Do not allow New
3 Hampshire to become desecrated, scarred and
4 mutilated by these ugly towers. Personally, I
5 do not wish to see this project succeed above
6 ground or below it. However, if it has to be,
7 insist that a new proposal be presented forcing
8 this extension cord for a greedy corporate giant
9 to be buried. Please listen to the people who
10 love our beautiful State of New Hampshire and do
11 right by them. Treasure what we have been
12 blessed with and keep it that way for the future
13 generations. Thank you.

14 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
15 Lynne. I was going to invite up since he's been
16 here a while Landon Placey so hopefully people
17 won't mind me stepping out of that order.

18 LANDON PLACEY: Hello, folks. I see
19 there's a lot of people wearing orange here
20 tonight so I think there is probably more of
21 their opposition than there is for that Northern
22 Pass, but I would like to say that I'm not
23 ashamed to say that I am for the Northern Pass.

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1 I sold land to that Northern Pass. I believe we
2 need the clean hydropower from that Northern
3 Pass. I realize we don't have a lot of people
4 here that are in favor of it there tonight, but
5 I know a lot of people who are in favor of it,
6 but they don't seem to, they seem to be shy
7 about standing up and saying so. But the only
8 thing that most people seem to be opposed to is
9 seeing that towers. Right now we're seeing a
10 lot of that windmills which are heavily
11 subsidized or they wouldn't be built. I don't
12 hear anybody finding fault there with the
13 windmills. And that tourists that are supposed
14 to be stopped by the Northern Pass towers have
15 been that stopped by the high gas prices. So
16 when people think that you can have affordable
17 electric power when it's made from gas and oil
18 there, it ain't going to happen. I think we
19 need the hydropower. It makes sense. It's
20 clean, and I think it's the same idea as when
21 that interstate highways came through and the
22 railroads came through. Everybody fought it.
23 Everybody was going to have it stopped. I think

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1 in hindsight I think maybe people will see that
2 they was wrong on this issue as they was on the
3 railroads and the turnpikes, but we're all
4 entitled to our opinion and I appreciate you
5 hearing me out tonight. Thank you.

6 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
7 Landon. Jack Savage, just so you know, the
8 possession of the cards are transferred to the
9 contractor responsible for collecting
10 information. They will not go to Cynthia.

11 Sherry Knierim. Also to like to call up
12 Dave Dobbins and Mark McCulloch.

13 SHERRY KNIERIM: I'm an award-winning
14 watercolor artist and photographer. I own
15 ten-plus acres which include wetlands, vernal
16 pools, two streams, forests, glacial
17 outcroppings. It borders conservation land and
18 abuts Route 93. I have kept a wildlife journal
19 for over a decade of all the wildlife and
20 vegetation I have seen. In 2010 the New
21 Hampshire Department of Transportation spent
22 months cutting back trees along Route 93 and
23 repaving the highway. Before this disruption, I

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1 had otters, moose, deer, snowshoe hare, hooded
2 mergansers, boreal chickadees, indigo buntings,
3 scarlet tanagers, owls --

4 MODERATOR: (Moderator adjusting
5 microphone) I'm sorry.

6 SHERRY KNIERIM: Should I start over?

7 MODERATOR: Yes.

8 SHERRY KNIERIM: Before this disruption, I
9 had otters, moose, bear, deer, snowshoe hare,
10 hooded mergansers, boreal chickadees, indigo
11 bunting, scarlet tanagers, owl and even timber
12 rattlesnakes. Since then, nothing. It has not
13 recovered. I do not even see common birds. I
14 have not even seen the New Hampshire state bird,
15 the purple finch. This is representative of
16 damage on a small scale. We cannot afford the
17 rape and devastation the Northern Pass will
18 cause to wildlife, vegetation, farms, tourism,
19 and the people of New Hampshire. This is my
20 impact study.

21 Northern Pass says it's going to give \$28
22 million to the State of New Hampshire. I
23 divided that by the number of residents in the

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1 State of New Hampshire and that comes out to
2 \$21.50 per person. I don't care to have the
3 state wrecked for \$21.50. I'll send the state
4 that amount of money. I do not want Northern
5 Pass at all. Above or below ground. Thank you.

6 MODERATOR: Thank for your comments,
7 Sherry. Paul Haslanger.

8 PAUL HASLANGER: My name is Paul Haslanger
9 from Lancaster. I normally don't tell people
10 what my background is, but I'm going to do it
11 tonight for a reason. I was an executive of a
12 Fortune 500 company for about ten years and so I
13 have insight into what goes on in a place like
14 Northeast Utilities. Northeast Utilities is a
15 huge company. It does \$8 billion worth of
16 business a year. They make gross about 3
17 billion and throw about a billion dollars off to
18 the bottom line.

19 The thing that drives companies like that,
20 make no mistake about it, is money. Dollars to
21 the bottom line. That's how the CEO gets paid
22 on a bonus, based upon what falls to the bottom
23 line. They don't have a sense of goodwill, they

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1 don't care about the community, they only look
2 at the cost and what gets delivered to them. I
3 know that firsthand.

4 Right now I've heard a lot of conversation
5 tonight about well, they changed this and they
6 changed that and made me come back. They know
7 exactly what they're doing. They've got a room
8 full of people; economists, engineers, business
9 people, finance people, working on the next
10 scenario, the next scenario and the next
11 scenario. They're used to bullying their way to
12 get what they want. If you find that's the way
13 they're acting toward you, that's the way they
14 act toward everyone. It's nothing new.

15 This is a huge company. They want what
16 they want. They own the Northern Pass, they own
17 PSNH, and they're doing the deal with
18 Hydro-Quebec. I think you need to wake up and
19 understand who you're dealing with. Put your
20 act together and say this is what I want.

21 I'm really impressed tonight. I was in
22 Whitefield last night. They were all over the
23 place. Here tonight you guys really have laid

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1 it out. You said either we don't get it or
2 we're going to bury it. That's what I keep
3 saying to people. Either not at all or bury it.
4 I didn't hear that kind of conversation last
5 night in Whitefield so I give you guys great,
6 great credit for doing a good job. Thank you
7 very much.

8 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
9 Paul. Next speaker is John Amey. Next on deck,
10 Chelsea Petereit. Frances Haynes. H A Y N E S.
11 That's you? I will bring you a microphone if
12 you would like that or you can come up. And
13 then Robert Martin.

14 JOHN AMEY: Good evening, Mr. Mills, ladies
15 and gentlemen. Welcome back to the North
16 Country where some things have changed, many
17 have not, and our feelings for Northern Pass in
18 its present form never will. Since we met here
19 last time, \$40 million has been sent to purchase
20 a route that still remains incomplete. To find
21 a quick and easy solution to landowner blocking
22 points, we now have town and state roads labeled
23 as underground segments without first studying

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1 that option with affected local officials. Four
2 percent underground is totally unacceptable.
3 Thousands of dollars have been raised by
4 conservation organizations to protect lands from
5 this irresponsible project. It seems that the
6 applicant is not listening. And now we are
7 promised a \$7.5 million job creation scheme,
8 leaving the rest of state out of the loop.

9 Some things have not changed. We're still
10 being told by the applicant that this project
11 cannot be buried. We are being told that it's
12 too expensive and yet we are aware of new
13 technology as well as new transmission projects
14 that are planning to bury their lines in their
15 entirety. We have endured the process called
16 kitchen meetings which in my opinion were
17 nothing more than posturing on the part of the
18 applicant to make the public feel that this is a
19 done deal, and, finally, there has been total
20 disrespect for the White Mountain National
21 Forest and the original agreement that allowed
22 the AC transmission line through there many
23 years ago.

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1 This is all about money, folks. And how do
2 we know that Public Service of New Hampshire
3 will not be sold to Hydro-Quebec after the
4 right-of-way is in place. That would certainly
5 reduce the annual rental that HQ would otherwise
6 have to pay. Remember Granite Reliable and the
7 wind farm in Dixville and Millsfield. Remember
8 the promises of taxes to the communities and
9 county. Now do you remember that the project
10 has been sold to Brookfield Power from Toronto,
11 Canada? What seemed like a warm fuzzy way of
12 making renewable power by a local entity has
13 become a corporate nightmare and broken promises
14 and tax abatement applications. How do we know
15 that possible ownership of Northern Pass by
16 Hydro-Quebec will not result in the same
17 situation.

18 On behalf of all the opposition members
19 fighting this project by themselves and in small
20 groups, I respectfully request that the
21 Presidential permit be denied to Northern Pass
22 LLC, and, furthermore, that any future
23 application amendments include a totally

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1 underground system. Thank you.

2 MODERATOR: Thank you, John. Next speaker.
3 Dave Dobbins.

4 DAVE DOBBINS: Good evening. My name is
5 Dave Dobbins, and I live in Gilford, New
6 Hampshire. I like so many others who have read
7 the latest Amended Application for Northern
8 Trespass considers the application invalid and
9 incomplete and call upon the Department of
10 Energy to reject it. Dismissing the
11 requirements of the application process Northern
12 Trespass has provided a single primary route,
13 one which they know they have no legal right to
14 use and no viable alternative. There can be no
15 meaningful development of a set of appropriate
16 EIS parameters that the DOE should study given
17 the insufficient content of the Amended
18 Application. If any of you have reached the
19 same conclusion, feel free to let the DOE know.
20 They are here to listen to our perspective on
21 the latest work of fiction submitted by Northern
22 Pass. If the DOE were to accept the Amended
23 Application for EIS action, I urge the DOE to

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1 immediately exercise the no build/no action
2 alternative, but we fear and I know the DOE
3 hasn't yet applied a rejected stamp so I'd like
4 to have considered in the EIS an item under the
5 category of environmental justice.

6 When you come into a community with buckets
7 of money supplied by a foreign entity in this
8 case and you repeatedly push that money on folks
9 until they accept it, that is abusive and unfair
10 treatment and a far cry from working with
11 willing landowners. I'm saddened that this has
12 happened here in local towns. It causes
13 divisions between families, friends and
14 neighbors and harms the very essence of what we
15 all consider community. I hope that in time
16 local communities in this area will heal from
17 this injustice. The entities responsible for
18 such behavior ought to be ashamed. This is
19 clear demonstration that the project developers
20 use money, rather than merit, to obtain
21 acceptance. Thank you.

22 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
23 Dave. Mark McCulloch.

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1 MARK MCCULLOCK: Hello again. Before I
2 begin, I would like to just say after attending
3 the last three scoping hearings and at times
4 watching you folks, to put it bluntly, get
5 hammered on a few times by the orange
6 opposition, I would have to describe your job
7 for the past three days as being caught between
8 a big orange rock and a huge political hard
9 place, and I thank you for listening to me one
10 last time.

11 My name is Mark McCulloch, and my wife
12 Chelsea and I live in North Stratford, New
13 Hampshire. I am a human being with a conscience
14 that tells me to treat other people the way that
15 I want to be treated. My conscience told me
16 that I was doing the right thing when I directed
17 my speech last night in Whitefield to Tom Wagner
18 at the scoping hearing in Whitefield last night.
19 At the very end of the night, Tom politely asked
20 me to step aside so that he could clarify some
21 of the things that I had stated during my
22 speech, and I also talked to Tom some more just
23 briefly and I've got notes all over my sheets

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1 and I'm just going to sit them down for a second
2 and I want to just sum something up.

3 In Plymouth, I think I might have made a
4 mistake. I took something that somebody else
5 said and I took it as being true, and I also
6 noticed that there was a lot of other orange
7 folks out there that also took what was said as
8 being factual. Well, after speaking with Tom
9 last night, and some right here, I quickly
10 learned a couple of facts about Tom, and I feel
11 I was wrong by part of what I said last night.

12 Tom has worked for the National Forest
13 Service all over the world, all over the US, and
14 he started at the bottom, and he's now in a
15 position where he's now the supervisor of our
16 White Mountain National Forest. He's been the
17 supervisor for the past 12 years and lived in
18 New Hampshire for the past 12 years. The last
19 thing that he said last night that really stuck
20 with me is he said I do my job to the letter of
21 the law. I actually haven't even gotten to what
22 I really want to say. And I'm out of time. So
23 if anybody wants to hang around until the end of

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1 this thing, I do plan on finishing this and it's
2 important to me. So if you're around later I'll
3 be back.

4 MODERATOR: Thank you, Mark, for your
5 comments. I thank you for respecting the
6 timekeeper. I've got Chelsea Petereit next.

7 CHELSEA PETEREIT: Good evening. My name
8 is Chelsea Petereit. I am a resident of North
9 Stratford and I'm the 7th and 8th grade science
10 teacher in Lancaster and I would like to share
11 with you some conversations I had with my
12 students today after attending the scoping
13 hearing last night in Whitefield. I try to be
14 very open and clear in my classroom about what
15 my opinions are and we try to respect everyone's
16 opinions in my room, but one class specifically
17 asked how the scoping meeting had gone the night
18 before, and I told them a little bit about what
19 I had heard for estimates of the numbers of
20 attendees. I wasn't exactly sure and I told
21 them that there were 40 or more speakers and
22 they wanted to know how many speakers spoke for,
23 in favor of Northern Pass and how many against,

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1 and I told them that there were three who had
2 spoken for Northern Pass and the rest of the
3 speakers were against, and they wanted to know
4 who the speakers were. Of course, I don't
5 remember their names, but I told them one was an
6 elected official, and two were loggers or worked
7 for logging companies. Right away the room
8 breaks into conversation and the girl pipes in,
9 she said, well, they're expecting to get jobs.
10 And another kid said well, they probably will
11 get jobs. And another one pipes in, well, so
12 they cut things and then what. And he said
13 well, I'm not really sure. Then another kid
14 said well, they have to build the towers and
15 they all look at each other and they're like I
16 don't know anybody that knows how to build
17 something like that. My uncle's an electrician.
18 He could probably help with that part and then
19 another kid said well, they'll probably bring
20 people from somewhere else that know how to do
21 these sorts of things and another kid said well,
22 you know, that's great, but that's not a whole
23 lot of jobs.

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1 Finally, a kid admits, I don't understand
2 what the big deal is. How hard is it to put up
3 a wooden pole. I have wooden poles all down my
4 road. Another kid says well, they're not wooden
5 poles. So we looked online and saw some
6 examples of some of the poles that might go up,
7 and he looks at them and he realizes, I think I
8 understand what the big deal is now.

9 Another class we were talking about
10 qualitative versus quantitative data, and they
11 were concerned that, they wanted to know whether
12 Northern Pass would be collecting data and I
13 told them a little bit about this whole process
14 and their concern was that quantitative data
15 involves numbers and there's going to be a lot
16 of data and numbers are pretty easy to collect,
17 but they were concerned that the process
18 wouldn't take into account qualitative data
19 which is descriptive, and I asked why this was
20 important and they said well, because there's a
21 lot of things that you can't measure with
22 numbers. Like how much people love their homes
23 and how much they love New Hampshire. So they

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1 wanted me to make sure that you understood that
2 it's not just the numbers, that you have to take
3 into account the things that you can't measure.
4 Thank you.

5 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
6 Chelsea. That was the end of our preregistered
7 speakers. We're now going to go into the people
8 who registered on site. So our first speaker
9 will be Frances Haynes.

10 FRANCES HAYNES: I don't have any notes,
11 but I didn't intend to speak until I got here
12 tonight, but I just felt that I had to. I'm
13 almost 91 years old. I've lived here, born here
14 in Colebrook. Lived here all my life. I love
15 this area, the beauty of it and the State of New
16 Hampshire and I don't want to see it change. I
17 want future generations to enjoy the beauty that
18 I have enjoyed. And they talk about jobs. What
19 jobs? Who's going to get the jobs and how much
20 are they going to last and they talk about we
21 get money from taxes. I don't believe that. I
22 am against the underground and overground, but I
23 just don't want to see the beauty of this area

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1 destroyed by those huge towers. Thank you very
2 much. One more thing I want to say. Don't
3 think that we're going to give up. We're going
4 to fight this until the end.

5 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
6 Frances, and woo-woeing was allowed for someone
7 who's 91 years old and has lived in Colebrook
8 their whole life. Robert Martin.

9 ROBERT MARTIN: Good evening, everyone. My
10 name is Robert Martin. I live in Clarksville.
11 You can tell where my sympathies lie. I want to
12 thank Brian for letting me speak. The paper
13 that goes along with this has already been
14 submitted. I am here to speak although I agree
15 with all the points that have been made by other
16 people. I'm here to speak on a very specific
17 issue, one that hasn't been addressed. I am the
18 emergency coordinator for amateur radios in Coos
19 County and for the top part of Grafton County.
20 Amateur Radio Service was created by the federal
21 government and special allocated amateurs for a
22 number of reasons, one of which was to provide
23 emergency communication when all else fails. On

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1 that point I can speak with some authority.
2 Most people don't realize it, but radio in
3 general plays a very important part in our lives
4 up here in Coos County. The network, safety
5 network, that allows people to come up here and
6 hunt, snowmobile and use their ATVs is supported
7 by a radio communications that provides the
8 ability to get people help if they need it. Ben
9 Young Hill is a hub of communications. It is
10 located within a thousand feet of where the
11 power lines are going to go through. On that
12 hill we have border patrol sensors and
13 communications, we have NOAA, we have Fish &
14 Game, we have the police and fire dispatch, just
15 to few a name of the things. Northeast Kingdom
16 in Vermont has their radio equipment in Vermont.
17 Up on that hill I have a communications center
18 that allows me to talk to Homeland Security down
19 in Concord and we provide a network of repeaters
20 and support throughout the County here that
21 allow us to talk among ourselves and interface
22 with Emergency Services when our ability is,
23 when the need is there.

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1 We have a problem with those power lines.
2 Power lines are exceedingly noisy. When it's
3 quiet outside and it's cool outside, you can
4 stand under them. They hum. When you get rain,
5 you get ice, you get wind, you get rime ice, you
6 get any bad weather, those things generate
7 static like you cannot imagine. Think about it
8 this way. Where those power lines go is going
9 to be like parking a thunder storm permanently.
10 It's going to affect radio communications,
11 handheld communications the emergency people use
12 to communicate and it's going to create a level
13 of pollution that you can't see, but it's going
14 to affect your lives permanently. This is not a
15 good project. I'm not in favor of it at all,
16 but I concur with the other sentiments here. If
17 we've got to have it, those lines have to be
18 buried or it's going to impact the quality of
19 your life and support we give to the people who
20 bring money in here. That's all I have.

21 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
22 Robert. Next speaker will be Leslie Bell.
23 After that Brian Tilton, Denys Draper, Donald

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1 Bilodeau, Nancy Dodge.

2 LESLIE BELL: My name is Leslie Bell and I
3 live in Columbia. My hometown was featured in a
4 documentary, Northern Trespass. You may have
5 seen a short clip of a little Cape Cod house
6 next to a power transmission line. That power
7 line ran through Levittown, New York, built for
8 GIs and it was in people's back yards. I lived
9 a thousand feet from these electromagnetic
10 emissions. I attended an elementary school that
11 was literally built in the right-of-way under
12 the lines. Between 1984 and 1994, I was treated
13 for cancer three times. Shortly thereafter, my
14 stepfather was treated for cancer, and then my
15 mother, twice, five years apart with two
16 different types of breast cancer. We all
17 survived. Whether or not these transmission
18 lines contributed to our cancers, we don't know.
19 However, I'm against Northern Pass because I do
20 not wish to find out what the risks to my health
21 in the future will be.

22 Secondly, I have been moved by the majesty
23 of the mountains all my life. I have vacationed

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1 all over New England. I choose to be here in
2 New Hampshire and particularly at my location in
3 Columbia where I have nearly a 360-degree view
4 of magnificent mountains which unfortunately are
5 starting to be marred by the wind farm. I can
6 see the wind towers and feel that I would suffer
7 great psychological harm if I were to see
8 Northern Pass and the destruction of the beauty
9 of the North Country. Thank you.

10 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
11 Leslie. Next speaker, Brian Tilton.

12 BRIAN TILTON: Thank you very much to the
13 DOE for coming back to New Hampshire to listen
14 to the nearly 2000 people that have spoken over
15 the last four days and to hear from people on
16 both sides and also for accommodating the
17 numerous media including myself who have been
18 here to cover it and give at least my thousands
19 of listeners a chance to see how their
20 government operates that they are paying for.
21 So thank you to the DOE and all your
22 professional staff that have been very
23 accommodating throughout this process.

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1 I'm here today to speak to you as a private
2 citizen, and I want to talk to Mr. Wagner
3 specifically. It is about something that drew
4 me to New Hampshire 20 years ago. I've lived
5 here for six years, seven years now. I moved
6 here in 2006 with my wife and my then one
7 daughter from Baltimore to be here at a place
8 that I have grown to love over the years. My
9 family connection to this state predates me. My
10 mother and my father honeymooned in the White
11 Mountains and up until his dying day, my father
12 always talked about the White Mountain National
13 Forest. It was a place that he loved dearly,
14 and when I moved to New Hampshire, he would
15 always ask me even more questions about it.
16 Today when my mother and my family pack up into
17 a car and take our day trips to and through the
18 White Mountains whether it be to attractions
19 that are surrounded by the White Mountains,
20 whether it be Lincoln, Easton or Glen, we have
21 three generations of our family that are there
22 enjoying it.

23 One of the things that we noticed that we

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1 don't see are power lines on Route 112 on each
2 side of Interstate 93. They disappear. I think
3 they're there, and I think that they are
4 underground. We don't see them. As my two
5 daughters, they love to play outside, and they
6 just enjoy bike riding, fishing, hiking, but I
7 am one of the fortunate few who has the distinct
8 privilege in this world to say that the White
9 Mountain National Forest is the playground of my
10 children, and I want you to protect that and for
11 future generations. I have volunteered to stand
12 in front of bulldozers in eminent domain cases.

13 Mr. Wagner, I do not envy your position
14 that you are in. I've heard many good things
15 about you, and I understand that you are a very
16 great man, but you stand right now between the
17 PSNH bulldozers and the White Mountain National
18 Forest, and you have the decision to make, to
19 either move out of the way and your decision is
20 something that the world will see or you can
21 stand in the way and say no and we won't see it
22 and that is the kind of history that is more
23 kind to people for things that they don't see.

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1 So please deny the incomplete permit through the
2 White Mountain National Forest.

3 MODERATOR: Brian is not 91 years old,
4 doesn't live in Colebrook his whole life, you
5 can't woo-woo. Thank you for your comments,
6 Brian. Denys Draper. Denys Draper, huh?

7 DENYS DRAPER: That is my father's fault.
8 My father spelled my name with a Y so I'm get
9 Dennis all the time. I'm Denys Draper and I
10 live in the town of Easton which is almost
11 completely made up of White Mountain National
12 Forest land. Easton has long been one of the
13 hot spots in speaking out against Northern Pass.

14 I would like to talk to you about the word
15 no. Somebody else did earlier. I used to tell
16 my kids no. Why, Mom? Because I'm the mother
17 and I said so and so it's no. Well, we need to
18 say no. No, you cannot put your lines through
19 the pristine Indian Stream Republic, our lost
20 nation. You may not cover across these towers
21 through the White Mountain National Forest. You
22 may not cross those lines over the Appalachian
23 Trail, one of the most beloved hiking trails in

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1 the east. You may not put these lines so close
2 to our schools that they endanger the students,
3 the staff and even the building. You may not
4 take people's property and you may not walk on
5 private property. You may not fly over our
6 houses. You may not pay enough taxes to make
7 the people whole whose property you are ruining.
8 You cannot pay enough taxes to replace the taxes
9 that will have to come to make our towns
10 continue to run. You may not replace our
11 scenery. You may not replace our tourism
12 industry. You may not replace our natural
13 resources.

14 In a recent copy of Yankee magazine, there
15 was a story of a man from Vermont and the State
16 of Vermont took his land. It was the only thing
17 in the world he owned. He walked up to his
18 sister, said goodbye, walked home, nailed
19 himself in the house, shot himself and before
20 that he set the house on fire. So if you come
21 up I-91 and you're going through the Exit 3, 4,
22 5 area, that's his house you're driving over.
23 So we don't want that. No means no. Your

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1 mother, each of you, your mother said to you, no
2 means no. So no.

3 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
4 Denys. Donald Bilodeau.

5 DONALD BILODEAU: My name is Donald
6 Bilodeau. Myself and my family built a house in
7 Clarksville in 1986. When Northern Pass
8 announced their new route they said they'd
9 listened to the people to avoid some of the
10 visual impact and bury 8 miles of the line. The
11 proposed half-mile buried section is because
12 they have to in order to go along Route 3 and go
13 under the Connecticut River. The proposed 7 and
14 a half mile burial in Clarksville and
15 Stewartstown Roads is because they cannot cross
16 the Connecticut Headwaters Conservation area.
17 The two and a half miles of above-ground towers
18 between these two proposed burials in
19 Clarksville will have 22 towers with some as
20 high as 120 feet, much higher than the trees
21 which oddly are 30 to 50 feet high. They are
22 spaced 628 feet apart on average. This is the
23 Northern Pass's figures. On average. This is a

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1 great deal closer together than the 800 feet
2 they proposed three years ago. At 628 feet
3 apart and 180 miles, that would mean 1500 towers
4 through New Hampshire, not 1100. On average.
5 It appears that the lower the towers are in
6 height the more towers we will see. Is
7 Northern Pass really concerned about the visual
8 impact? If you don't bury it all, don't do it
9 at all.

10 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
11 Donald. Our next speaker will be Nancy Dodge,
12 and if you've noticed I've not invited anyone
13 else up to the on deck circle because we're
14 going to take a break right after this speaker.

15 NANCY DODGE: I'm Nancy Dodge and I live on
16 Creampoke Road in Stewartstown. My father was
17 from Canaan. My mother was from Stewartstown.
18 I am the first in up to 9 generations of family
19 on both sides that was not raised up here, but I
20 have been coming here since I was an infant.
21 Thirty years ago I decided to come home because
22 I have always regarded this environment, the
23 Great North Woods, as home even before I lived

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1 here permanently so I am here until death do me
2 part. I am very concerned that the reasons I
3 have considered this environment to be home are
4 the very reasons that people come here to enjoy
5 the Great North Woods. They enjoy the sports,
6 they enjoy just being here as I do. This is our
7 economy here and this is all we have left, and
8 it's really all we need because we are unique in
9 the state and I'm not excepting the White
10 Mountains, but I want to see the environment
11 kept as it has been, as my home all my life, for
12 70 years, and the personal part of home is I
13 live on Creampoke Road where the line is
14 supposedly going to be buried in the road bed.
15 This is only a few feet above my well housing,
16 and it is between my source of water and my
17 well. I don't know that anybody has paid any
18 attention to people's water, but I would prefer
19 to keep drinking my water as long as I do
20 survive up here.

21 And the other thing that has never been
22 answered by anyone in Northern Pass or anywhere
23 else yet to me is how is the heat dissipated in

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1 an underground line. In an overhead line, you
2 are going to have a microclimate. I don't know
3 about the sounds, but I know about the heat, and
4 I would like to know what's going to happen
5 underground. And somebody needs to answer that
6 question and many more and I don't want to see
7 towers and I don't want it underground. I don't
8 want it. Thank you.

9 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
10 Nancy. Thus far to this point we have gone
11 through 27 speakers which is usually more than
12 what we do before the first break. So I was
13 thinking of offering you a choice of either a
14 20-minute or a 30-minute break.

15 AUDIENCE: 10.

16 MODERATOR: 10. Okay. Hold on. Cynthia,
17 is 10 okay?

18 STENOGRAPHER: Ten is fine. Thank you,
19 George.

20 (Recess taken)

21 MODERATOR: If I can get people seated we
22 will move on and thank you all for your
23 attention. On deck circle. Edward O'Brien who

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1 will be the first speaker. Dr. Kaufman. Bruce
2 Latham. John Colony. And I'm going to spell
3 what I think I saw on the page. G R A N V Y L,
4 H U L S E.

5 ED O'BRIEN: Good evening. My name is Ed
6 O'Brien. I come from Easton, New Hampshire, and
7 I'm not dressed in bright orange, but this is
8 the best orange I could find at home, but I'm
9 opposed to Northern Pass for a lot of reasons.
10 First of all, I don't like the blight on our
11 scenery, first of all, with the towers.
12 Secondly, I don't think it's good for us. We
13 don't use any of the power. Thirdly, I have
14 some reservations about making Hydro-Quebec
15 coming down to us. Quebec almost seceded from
16 Canada a number of years ago, probably 15 years
17 ago. What would happen if we made an agreement
18 with Canada and all of a sudden we're dealing
19 with another identity.

20 I witnessed the ice storm of 15 years ago
21 with towers up just over the border in the
22 Easton townships, they were crushed, and if they
23 went across that highways and so forth, it would

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1 be a mess and it would be a dangerous mess and
2 it was a dangerous mess up there.

3 I gave most of my presentation two and a
4 half years ago down in Haverhill, New Hampshire,
5 when I spoke to the scoping hearing then, but
6 those are the major reasons that I'm opposed to
7 it. I just think that these towers is something
8 that we don't need to blight our scenery. We
9 have the best scenery in the east at least.
10 That's probably all I have to say and thank you
11 very much.

12 MODERATOR: Thank you, Edward, for your
13 comments. Dr. Kaufman.

14 DR. KAUFMAN: My name is Dr. Kaufman, and
15 I'm a physician, moved up here with my wife and
16 son almost 40 years ago, and we live up in Bear
17 Rocks, Stewartstown. We live there because it's
18 beautiful and as most people have said that they
19 treasure the area. What I'm faced with right
20 now is looking at these power lines if they come
21 up, the land that Northern Pass bought is about
22 150 feet from our kitchen window. Towers pop
23 out of the ground like some monster just at the

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1 point of Heath Row about 1500 feet from us. The
2 tower would go across our water line which is
3 about a mile, the spring, that is, is a mile
4 away. The water line comes down a mile to the
5 house. It's been there about 100 years. We put
6 a parallel water line there about four years
7 ago. The tower that goes over the water line
8 and the spring house requires a considerable
9 amount of maintenance over the years, regular
10 maintenance. The current line probably should
11 be replaced some time in the next five or ten
12 years. That means somebody's going to have to
13 deal with a backhoe and a bulldozer and under
14 the lines. The lines themselves, of course, are
15 high voltage direct current lines and so direct
16 current lines are special. They do create a
17 kind of microcosm. The microcosm has to do with
18 ionized air molecules which have been shown to
19 have biological effects, very significant
20 biological effects, on neurotransmitter systems.
21 It's been demonstrated in the lab, and it
22 affects people's mood, many aspects of people's
23 functioning. So what I'm looking forward to is

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1 the possibility of spending a lot of time under
2 these high voltage power lines if the
3 construction doesn't destroy the spring entirely
4 in the process. So my future here and my son's
5 future and my neighbor's future really depends
6 upon those lines not existing or us being there.
7 It's a question of what the vision is that
8 people have in mind. It's either power lines
9 and dead zones where people all along those
10 power lines can't live or where those of us who
11 live here will look forward to future
12 generations being up there so I hope you
13 contribute to a good decision. Thanks very
14 much.

15 MODERATOR: Thank you, Dr. Kaufman. Next
16 speaker, Bruce Latham.

17 BRUCE LATHAM: I'm Dr. Latham, one of the
18 physicians here in the community. I take care
19 of approximately a third of the population here.
20 When George was here last time about two years
21 ago I said hey, why don't you go for a ride with
22 me. I'd like to take you to the North Country
23 and take a look and see how beautiful this part

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1 of the country is. People are very friendly.
2 He kind of turned me down. Maybe if you stick
3 around tomorrow we can give you that ride
4 tomorrow morning. It was interesting. When I
5 was talking to him, he said, you know, in all
6 the time I've been doing this for the
7 government, I have never seen the resistance
8 that there is to this as I have seen in this
9 room. I thought wow. Now, I talked to the
10 manager of the Wildlife Refuge area who is part
11 of the Department of Interior and his comment
12 was well, they have 150 foot right-of-way which
13 they got before we became a reservation. I'm
14 not going to give them another inch. My
15 statement is amen. We're not going to give them
16 another inch.

17 Now, I was a regional coordinator of
18 Emergency Management for the Department of
19 Emergency Management in Virginia. My job and my
20 training for the last 30 years before becoming a
21 doctor was that of an Emergency Manager. So I
22 kind of looked at some of the things and some of
23 the target areas that are chased by terrorists.

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1 In fact, last night we were talking about some
2 of these items. This is a manual here that is
3 had by the FBI that I received back in 2001
4 right after we had the 9/11 action. This is an
5 individual who was from Iraq, her relative was
6 the General who was the President of Iraq before
7 Saddam Hussein. She indicated that in this
8 country, the electric power is generated at
9 12,000 volts and then stepped up to over 100,000
10 volts for transmission. The stepup transformers
11 are unique and are custom built, and the Iraqis
12 and the Muslims know that. It's our Achilles'
13 heel. You knock out one of those transformers
14 and everything down line from that is out of
15 commission.

16 One of the other things that should be
17 looked at is Public Service of New Hampshire.
18 Thanks to Larry Rappaport, when I asked the
19 question, I said why don't they just bury along
20 the old rail lines that we have on both sides of
21 the river and get the tax benefit from that. He
22 says well, you see, it's economics, Dr. Latham.
23 He said Public Service of New Hampshire needs

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1 them to go through their line in order to
2 maintain their solvency. So I think that's
3 something that we need to look at. It's been
4 mentioned here many times. The bottom line is
5 the dollar. Thank you.

6 MODERATOR: Thank you, Dr. Latham. John
7 Colony. Also going to invite up David Chappell,
8 Sandy Bergquist, Stephen Tracy.

9 JOHN COLONY: My name is John Colony. I
10 live in Sugar Hill. My speech is a bit shorter
11 than I thought it would be. Larry Rappaport
12 spoke about his House Bills and so forth,
13 removing part of what I was going to say.
14 Another gentleman spoke about Hydro-Quebec's
15 potential for fixing prices, removing part of
16 what I was going to say. Mr. Morgan spoke about
17 the ice storm and outages in Montreal, removing
18 part of what I was going to say. Mr. Savage
19 dropped off the card I sent in opposing Northern
20 Pass, removing part of what I was going to say.
21 Not much left.

22 The nature of capitalism is changing again.
23 Privately held companies are flexing muscles in

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1 ways we haven't seen for literally a hundred
2 years. Often current laws are not sufficient to
3 deal with the marketplace. Examples of this
4 include Google, Facebook, SpaceX and I forget
5 the name of this company that is trying to
6 patent our genetic structure. Recent U.S.
7 Supreme Court decisions encourage large
8 corporations in their expansion of power and
9 influence. Northern Pass is our local example
10 of the new capitalism. There are two groups
11 that talk to you. Most people here talk about
12 going to the DOE, but the State of New Hampshire
13 is another group to talk to and I'll focus on
14 that.

15 Brian Mills said in his speech the State of
16 New Hampshire controls the process and that
17 state permits are required for projects within
18 the state's jurisdiction. One of the things we
19 must do is tell our State Representatives at all
20 levels what we want or don't want. Concord is
21 waking up to this. Governor Hassan wrote an
22 editorial about Northern Pass. Larry Rappaport,
23 one of the things he sponsored is Senate Bill 99

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1 which would require independent review of the
2 projects. The bill requires the Office of
3 Energy & Planning to contract with an outside
4 vendor for a study of the site evaluation
5 committee and its processes. The bill requires
6 a site evaluation committee to adopt the rules
7 and so forth.

8 The short form is contact your state
9 representatives, mail them, visit them, e-mail
10 them. They are aware of what's going on. We
11 are making progress. Let them know they have
12 our support. Thank you.

13 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
14 John. Do I have Granvyl Hulse?

15 GRANVYL HULSE: I didn't realize my first
16 name would create such a problem. Something I
17 wanted to bring to the attention of our people
18 from the government is that in dealing Northern
19 Pass we're dealing with arrogant people and
20 arrogant people cannot be trusted. Believe me.
21 They cannot be trusted. Look what they've done
22 to their own province, Quebec. They started out
23 with the little premise that they wanted to be

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1 self-sufficient. They flooded tens of thousands
2 of acres, put thousands of Native Americans out
3 of their homes and other people out of their
4 homes. They start with a single line and now,
5 you know, 50-foot right-of-way and now it's
6 300-foot right-of-way over the lines. Arrogant
7 people cannot be trusted. They will tell you
8 anything you want to hear, but you can't believe
9 them for a moment. Once they got their foot in
10 the door, they flooded their own country. What
11 once they got a single power line through, they
12 literally wiped out whole neighborhoods. We're
13 dealing with arrogant people who do not have the
14 courtesy to reply to towns' officials. Three or
15 four towns sent them a letter explaining their
16 situation. They were not given the courtesy of
17 a reply. They're arrogant. They want to get
18 their foot in the door and then rape the
19 countryside. It's cheaper and will make them
20 more of a profit. A single line is all they
21 want? Don't you believe it for a minute. They
22 want a corridor. They want a wide corridor
23 right through our state.

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1 They tried that on the New York/Vermont
2 border. They ran into something they didn't run
3 into here. They ran into the one percenters who
4 had beautiful lawyers who threatened to tie them
5 up in courts for the next 200 years so they
6 buried it. They buried it. Here, they're
7 dealing with peasants, the backwards folks who
8 can't afford a lawyer.

9 Well, they want to come here, let them bury
10 it. Let them bury it deep from our northern
11 border to our southern border. Let them bury it
12 deep. The only thing that will happen is that
13 the State of New Hampshire will make the money,
14 not the bankrupt Public Service of New Hampshire
15 and the CEOs. The State of New Hampshire will.
16 Frankly, this is nothing more than an invasion
17 by a foreign power. Sixty years ago I took an
18 oath of allegiance to my country to defend
19 against foreign invaders, both foreign and
20 domestic, and to quote a good friend of mine who
21 spoke here last time, the invasion in this
22 country will be over my dead body. Thank you.

23 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.

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1 David Chappell. Like to call Charles Willey,
2 Jeff Elliott.

3 DAVID CHAPPELL: I'm David Chappell. I'm
4 from Clarksville, and I live less than a mile
5 off where this power line would go by. I'd like
6 to welcome you, Mr. Mills, and Northern Pass has
7 been buying, they bought around 17 pieces of
8 property around Clarksville, and I'm really
9 concerned about what it will do to our taxes if
10 this goes in. And a good share of the property,
11 I know two pieces of property within a mile of
12 ours they paid \$9 million. That will bury a lot
13 of power line.

14 I'd like to ask how many Eagle Scouts are
15 in this room? How many people were in Boy
16 Scouts? The Boy Scouts. I'm the Scoutmaster so
17 that's why I was asking. Boy Scouts of America
18 if I'm right want us to teach leave no trace,
19 and if this power line goes in, I would hope
20 that you would prayerfully consider how it would
21 affect our young people who are taught leave no
22 trace and also affect the members of our
23 communities. Thank you.

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1 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
2 David. Sandy Bergquist.

3 SANDY BERGQUIST: Thank you all for coming
4 all the way up here. Very necessary, very
5 important. There's a lot of orange left. There
6 was a lot more orange before, but we have passed
7 the original time. I'd like to state, put my
8 remarks in some categories for you because I
9 think it makes a little more sense to see it in
10 a more global manner. This issue with the
11 Northern Pass comes very close to our hearts but
12 there's also an issue of health. Health of the
13 people, the young woman who spoke earlier of her
14 experience in New York had to live under some of
15 these towers. There are many studies, medical
16 studies that have been made that indicate that
17 these towers and the electromagnetic fields that
18 are created are indeed harmful. They cause in
19 children who have fast-developing cells and
20 multiplying cells, they're quite susceptible to
21 leukemia and other cancers. In adult women
22 there are studies that indicate that they can
23 cause miscarriages. This is not a healthy

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1 environment. We must understand that. Beyond
2 that is our natural environment which will not
3 be healthy as a result of this Northern Pass
4 proposal. I have brought with me what we rely
5 on for our dollars, also orange, if you don't
6 mind the prop. But this is our income. This is
7 our beauty. This is what we are trying to
8 protect, this is what we're trying to leave for
9 more generations. If you mess with that, you're
10 also messing with the economy which is unhealthy
11 at the moment and will become even more
12 unhealthy. I urge you on the panel to have a
13 very close look at the DVD that was put
14 together. I believe that Mr. David Dobbins gave
15 you a copy of the Northern Trespass DVD. It was
16 shown at the Colonial in Bethlehem and is coming
17 to Lancaster I think in the next week. If
18 anyone here doesn't know about that, I urge you
19 to see it. In short, the 68 million a year is
20 plenty of income to afford burying this line.
21 Northern Pass needs to look at digging deeper in
22 their pockets. And if they can't dig deeper,
23 bury it. Bury the whole idea because no one

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1 really wants it for a wide variety of reasons.
2 Thank you.

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

5 SANDY BERGQUIST: It's October 9 at the
6 Rialto.

7 MODERATOR: Thank you. Stephen Tracy.

8 STEPHEN TRACY: Good evening. I'm Stephen
9 Tracy. I'm a new person to the North Country
10 full-time. I been coming up here for many years
11 since high school in the '70s. Love hearing the
12 stories about moving up here and part of the
13 reason was I wanted to be on your side up here.
14 I wanted to bring up a few things that I've
15 heard tonight. I want to stretch a little bit.
16 There's a question of Brookfield buying things
17 up and changing the whole shooting match later.
18 I recently had a chance to go to Richardson
19 Lakes in that area where Louise Dickinson Rich
20 wrote her book and they're buying up fast so be
21 alert that could be happening.

22 Also I want to let you know that I belong
23 to an organization that two years ago voted, we

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1 discussed for quite a while at our state session
2 at the Grange whether to have this at all,
3 overhead, underground or not at all, and it
4 turned out to be a very strong unanimous not at
5 all, and I will say that the Northern Pass folks
6 felt hurt. We want to come and talk to you, we
7 want to change your mind. We listened. No
8 change. We're still against it. So there's
9 another voice in Concord for you there. I'd
10 like to close with, I'm an indigenous native so
11 I live a little closer to the earth, and I can
12 hear Mother's heartbeat and it's crying for help
13 and we keep pillaging and ravaging our Mother,
14 the flooding of Canada among other things. So I
15 would like to say in our every deliberation we
16 must consider the impact of our decisions on the
17 next 7 generations. This is from the Great Law
18 of the Iroquois Confederacy and I say to those
19 of you who do not fight to block this, go home
20 and write a letter to your great grandchildren
21 and apologize for giving them a dead earth.

22 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
23 Stephen. Charles Willey. Also like to call up

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1 Joseph Coulombe, Carol Coulombe, Jamie Swallow.

2 CHARLES WILLEY: Charles Willey. Colebrook
3 is my hometown as many of you know. I live in
4 Lemington, Vermont, however, and I have to
5 apologize for that. It's one mile up that way,
6 but the old family farm which we've had for 200
7 years is in East Colebrook and where we're
8 situated, you can see that ugly thing. The wind
9 towers are bad enough. I'd like to go on record
10 as being opposed to Northern Pass project in any
11 form. Anyone who treasures the North Country
12 should accept nothing less. Northern Coos
13 County is the jewel of the State of New
14 Hampshire. Mixture of rolling farm lands,
15 interspersed hardwoods and spruce forests is
16 indeed unique in the State of New Hampshire.
17 And if you consider this area New Hampshire's
18 Hope Diamond, Northern Pass wants you to accept
19 a major flaw completely through it. Northern
20 Pass must not be allowed to bisect this rare
21 jewel any more than this country would stand for
22 a similar project bisecting Yosemite National
23 Park and this is our Yosemite National Park.

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1 Even a buried transmission line is a travesty
2 and unacceptable. I don't know if any of you
3 really understand how bad it would look with
4 150-wide clearing bisecting the entire county.
5 It would be an ugly scar defacing the entire
6 area and what you may not have thought of is the
7 construction and the maintenance would require a
8 substantial road network this entire length. In
9 essence, giving more country to a developer who
10 already scars the rest of the state.

11 I don't believe anyone has significantly
12 addressed wildlife impacts although a couple
13 have touched on it, but as a former wildlife
14 biologist I can assure you that wildlife impacts
15 will be substantial. A thousand acres of Coos
16 County wildlife habitat will be destroyed and
17 unless wildlife corridors are established like
18 on the 450 kV HVDC line in Northeastern Vermont,
19 the line would tend to isolate sensitive
20 wildlife populations on either side of the line.
21 A potential alternative route exists buried
22 within or at the edge of the existing 450 kV DC
23 line that bisects Essex County and I was

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1 intimately involved with that and was largely
2 responsible for 52 wildlife crossings
3 coincidentally being established along that
4 entire line. Northern Pass had better consider
5 that because they're not welcome here.

6 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
7 Charles. Jeff Elliott. Charles McCulloch.
8 Come up, Carol. Our next speaker will be Carol.

9 CAROL COULOMBE: My name is Carol Coulombe
10 and I do live in Clarksville, New Hampshire.
11 Years ago my husband and I relocated from Berlin
12 because we had lost a 125-acre farm to zoning.
13 Now we're being forced to give up a five-acre
14 parcel because Northern Pass wants to put the
15 line right in front of the property, up the road
16 and up the other side of my house so that's two
17 sections. The front and on the side. We're
18 definitely going to relocate again. My
19 husband's terminally ill. He's been through a
20 lot, and I was hoping that this monster would
21 just go away, but it's not.

22 So two summers ago, I'll tell you a story
23 about how I went to a wonderful gathering in

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1 Vermont. It was called the Summer Festival, and
2 it was to educate New Hampshire about their
3 dealings with the power line coming from Quebec.
4 We had a nice picnic out there, people had a
5 good time, there was music, Katie Rose sang her
6 anti-Northern Pass song. There were several
7 groups, local bands and they all played off a
8 solar bus powered by solar energy and they
9 played all day on just that little solar bus.
10 And they were advising people on how to get
11 solar panels for their homes and different forms
12 of energy that we can use without having
13 Northern Pass destroy our beautiful state.

14 What I need to say is difficult to put in
15 words. It's hard to say how I feel about the
16 whole thing because I feel like I'm being
17 crushed by the Canadian government. It's a
18 foreign entity that's entered into the United
19 States and now I don't know if I can pledge
20 Allegiance to the United States or am I pledging
21 to the Canadian flag. They've bought up half of
22 the town of Clarksville and then some in other
23 sections, Stewartstown and here and there. So I

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1 mean, it's hard to know what's going to happen.
2 I certainly don't want to be a Canadian. I have
3 family up there. I have nothing against the
4 people. It's just their government. They just
5 don't get the big picture.

6 You can't cross a border and tell me how to
7 live in the United States. It's supposed to be
8 a free country. Well, we know it's not entirely
9 free. We've all paid heavy prices to live the
10 way we live. Each and every one of us has given
11 up little bits of our freedom each and every
12 day. I walked away from a fight in Berlin. I
13 didn't feel it was worth going to war and
14 killing people over it. That was 125 acres.
15 Now it's down to five acres and it's not still
16 worth killing people over, but if somebody comes
17 to my home and threatens to remove me off of my
18 property I will fight. I'm tired of moving. I
19 just don't like their helicopters flying over my
20 property all the time and basically harassing,
21 I'm trying to do chores. Spooking my animals,
22 you know, my livestock. It's been, you know,
23 kind of like a harassment-type thing with them.

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1 I'm just fed up to the point of, you know,
2 should I pack up and go live in Vermont because
3 these people get the big picture. They tried to
4 show us at the festival that this Northern Pass
5 of Quebec could not be trusted. They do tell a
6 lot of lies. They promised these people big
7 taxes which they never got. They put up this
8 power line in Vermont and have not kept a single
9 promise that they made to Vermont people. And
10 that's why they went out of their way to warn
11 us. Beware, do not trust Canada. I'm sorry I
12 have to say this. I have family up there.
13 I know it's not polite to talk about foreign
14 entities and the government like that, but, you
15 know, God have mercy upon us. Amen.

16 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments,
17 Carol. Jay Swallow. Pam Frizzell.

18 PAM FRIZZELL: Good evening. In the 1930s
19 or so Murphy Dam was built creating Lake
20 Francis. It was built for flood control for the
21 good of New Hampshire. My grandfather's family
22 farm was flooded. The barn was taken down and
23 rebuilt where it is now. The original farm is

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1 now under water. I suppose it was some sort of
2 eminent domain. My grandfather and his family
3 along with many others changed their way of life
4 and moved. After all, it was for the good of
5 New Hampshire. Is Northern Pass good for New
6 Hampshire? The jobs that are promised are
7 temporary while the damage to New Hampshire and
8 northern Quebec is permanent. Is Northern Pass
9 good for New Hampshire? I have my hat. I wear
10 it, but I look pretty weird. I look like
11 something that grew up underneath the power
12 lines. Kind of like the three-legged toads that
13 grow up in polluted swamps. My head is as
14 orange as my heart. Please say no to Northern
15 Pass.

16 MODERATOR: Thank you, Pam. Our next
17 speaker and last of our on site registered
18 speakers, Sally Zankowski.

19 SALLY ZANKOWSKI: Thank you very much,
20 everyone, for coming here tonight. Just from
21 hearing addresses and knowing people here there
22 are people here from all over the state. Long
23 drive, thank you very much for coming up

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1 listening to us again. I can't throw out any
2 new numbers, any new great statistics, any great
3 new ideas. We've said it and we've said it
4 again. They are so valid from the destruction
5 of the environment of Canada to what's going on
6 here. We don't need it, we don't want it. You
7 figured out a little bit how to get to us. A
8 lot of people they have turned over a lot of
9 money to are fighting with us and wearing
10 orange. They're our neighbors, they're our
11 family. Most of us have learned to live with
12 that. This is about a culture now. You've seen
13 it in Yankee magazine. You're not listening to
14 the big numbers and maybe you'd go a little bit
15 for the heart. It's a culture up here that you
16 probably won't ever see again. You saw it
17 tonight when people work together. People have
18 driven all over this place to try to help you
19 understand we don't need it, we don't want it,
20 it's damaging. This is a place you will not see
21 again. So you've got a different route.
22 Because ah, we've paid off a lot of people.
23 They're not wearing orange anymore. They've got

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1 money. Good for them. Now what do we do. We
2 try to not irritate as many people as we were
3 going to before so we've gone through the route.
4 There are less private people. Well, maybe
5 there's fewer of us but we're here. I live in
6 Stewartstown. Fortunately, my neighbors are the
7 McAllisters. Thank you very much. But
8 unfortunately, the old farmhouse, 150-plus years
9 old, that my partner and I are trying to turn
10 into a three-season farm stand. Everyone knows
11 me from farmers market. I'm also a nurse, I'm
12 also the local medical examiner so people see me
13 in a lot of capacities here. We work very hard
14 to try to live this life here. So this farm
15 that we recently purchased and trying to keep
16 from falling in the ground, the new route is at
17 the end of my driveway. The big traffic island
18 on Old County that runs next to the farm.
19 Foundation is not great there. I loved when I
20 looked over, couple people mentioned about the
21 new route going under roads or by roads. How is
22 it going to affect my water? That's one of the
23 things I saw you guys taking notes on. That's

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1 good because if you didn't get the big number,
2 look at your communities that are left. Our
3 foundations, our water. How am I going to get
4 off the road to get down to the hospital when
5 there's one way in and one way out and you can't
6 tell me these lines are going in overnight.
7 Thank you again, everyone.

8 AUDIENCE: She's the nurse that saved the
9 lady here tonight. Extraordinary.

10 MODERATOR: Oh, there you have it.
11 (Applause) We've gone through all of our listed
12 speakers and we will give people an opportunity
13 to speak again. Anybody who has an interest in
14 speaking again, grab one of the six chairs. And
15 just since someone brought it up, the number of
16 speakers, just for the sake of keeping track, I
17 had 66 listed for Concord, there was a 66
18 estimate for Plymouth, 64 in Whitefield and 41
19 tonight. Anyone else want to speak a second
20 time? Come on up, Mark. The same thing
21 applies. You have three minutes.

22 MARK MCCULLOCK: Thank you. I didn't know
23 what to do. All right. Three minutes applies.

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1 Tom, I trust you, you said that you'd do your
2 job to the letter of the law. I think you're
3 going to. So speaking of laws, this project had
4 a primary route with no existing right-of-way
5 that was going to split our property in two and
6 destroy 40 miles of neighbors' properties to the
7 north and ruin another 140 miles to the south
8 including the White Mountain National Forest.
9 Northern Pass learned quickly that they had a
10 fight on their hands and one that money was not
11 going to easily resolve so they sent 11 hired
12 lobbyists to our state capital, 7 more in
13 Washington, D.C., to influence our politicians
14 to not allow our state's eminent domain law to
15 be changed by thousands of concerned New
16 Hampshire citizens opposed to this project. I
17 stand here and say thank you from the bottom of
18 my heart, Larry Rappaport, and all New Hampshire
19 elected officials for submitting and supporting
20 the principal belief of House Bill 648 against
21 eminent domain as it pertains to this kind of
22 private for-profit based project. You'll go
23 down in political history as New Hampshire's

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1 heroes. The Northern Pass route has now changed
2 and has now changed because of your efforts and
3 is no longer directly affecting our home or
4 land. I do believe in our state's motto, live
5 free or die, and as a very last resort I thought
6 I might have to sacrifice everything for
7 everything my wife and I had worked so hard for.
8 I'm so glad it did not come to this. Now let's
9 protect the rest of New Hampshire.

10 There are two DVDs that every person in New
11 England should watch. They are Seeking a
12 Current by our Canadian friends opposed to
13 Hydro-Quebec and Northern Trespass produced by
14 two friends of thousands of people opposed to
15 this project. Their names are Jan Marvel and
16 Michelle Vaughn. I don't think they're here
17 tonight, but they are amazing people. These two
18 women worked for two and a half years with
19 full-time jobs, no vacations and sacrificed more
20 than we can imagine in order to educate New
21 Hampshire about this destructive project. Dave
22 Dobbins already passed a copy of Northern
23 Trespass to the DOE. Chelsea and I would also

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1 like to give our own personal copy of Seeking
2 the Current for the record to the DOE. We feel
3 that it is very important for our Canadian
4 friends to know that the United States, New
5 Hampshire's orange team, is not NIMBY. I say No
6 Pass. Thank you.

7 STEPHEN TRACY: Forgive me. I meant to ask
8 the question and bring up a point about I'm
9 hearing about clean renewable energy. I got the
10 renewable part. The renewal of the carbon
11 dioxide already rotting in Canada. Safe. Is
12 that where the mercury in our fish come from?
13 So the posters I see saying safe renewable
14 energy, are they for their good or for our good?

15 MODERATOR: Thank you for your comments.
16 Also thank you, Mark. Last speaker.

17 CAROL COULOMBE: Carol Coulombe again. And
18 I just wanted to say my heart goes out to that
19 lady that was here that just had the seizure. I
20 hope she's doing much better. It was very brave
21 of her to come all the way up from Berlin, my
22 old hometown, and to support us people up here
23 up north to try to fight this thing. Lot of

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1 people in other towns like Berlin do not believe
2 that the power line will be going through their
3 yards. Well, guess what, it's going on the back
4 side, and it doesn't matter if it goes through a
5 town or through somebody's backyard or some back
6 forest, down through the, you know, Dummer area
7 where people probably won't care, there's always
8 somebody going to be affected by it. Farmers
9 and people that do things outdoors, you know,
10 that make gardens and there's a lot of different
11 activities that people will find it's going to
12 affect them especially when they block the road
13 to do their construction thing. Just on West
14 Road alone in Clarksville where I live, further
15 up the road and also I associate with a lot of
16 my friends down at the bottom of the hill,
17 they're going to tear up the road.

18 Now, there's two trucking outfits on that
19 road, and every morning we listen to those
20 trucks, quite a few of them, hundreds of them
21 actually go up and down that hill. Big trucks,
22 smaller trucks, medium size trucks and got a
23 great big tractor trailer truck. How in the

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1 heck do they think they're going to put that
2 line in without disrupting commerce? These
3 people are truckers. They truck wares and
4 different things all over the country. What are
5 they going to do, stop the trucking industry?
6 They want to put this thing along, you know,
7 highway. Right smack down in the highways. I
8 don't see it happening. I don't see it being
9 done safely. They just cut a bunch of wood up
10 our way in Stewartstown to clear more for the
11 power lines. They left a bunch of trees hanging
12 over a ledge that could come down. If there's a
13 little bit of rain tonight, those big full
14 length trees are coming right down on the
15 highway. Now, that was Asplundh, and they work
16 for PSNH. Well, I hope that somebody
17 investigates this. I'll tell you if a log comes
18 through my car they're going to wish I was dead
19 because if I live they're all going to pay for
20 it. So drive safely, folks. And be careful.
21 PSNH is at it again. That's all I need to say.

22 MODERATOR: Thanks you very much, Carol.

23 JULIE MORAN: I can't remember which

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1 gentleman said about the Clean Water Act or
2 whatever, but I did want to bring that up one
3 more time to just make sure that you do pay
4 attention to the Clean Water Act. Not just in
5 the United States but in international waters.
6 I was supposed to say it at the end and I
7 forgot, but thank you again for coming, and
8 please, I don't see how this could possibly pass
9 the clean energy clean muster. I think that
10 carbon dioxide from coal plants is going to be
11 nothing compared to the CO2 and the methane and
12 mercury that's coming out of this project. It
13 goes into the water. So please consider that,
14 too. Thank you.

15 MODERATOR: You're next.

16 SHERRY KNIERIM: I suffer side effects from
17 radioactive iodine which has caused numerous
18 health issues including two thyroid tumors and
19 vision issues. I have to stay away from
20 radiation exposure at all cost. I now fear the
21 radiation that will be emitted from these
22 towers. Thyroid cancer is the fastest growing
23 cancer. Why would we want to accelerate it or

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1 add to it. New Hampshire is a very active
2 earthquake state. The New Hampshire state
3 geologist has told me that New Hampshire is the
4 most active area in New England. We now know
5 drilling, dynamiting and excavating can cause
6 manmade earthquakes. Again, no pass at all.

7 MODERATOR: Thank you, Sherry, for your
8 comments. Is that the end of our second time
9 around speakers? Looks like it. Let's have a
10 round of applause for all speakers tonight.
11 Let's have a round of applause for all of you
12 who stayed all the way to the end. Moderator
13 always appreciates the people who stay until the
14 end. Let's have a special round of applause to
15 Nurse Sally and Dr. Kaufman.

16 I am to remind you that you can continue to
17 follow the process by the website. You can
18 continue to submit comments. Anything else?
19 Thank you for coming. Thank you for your
20 hospitality. Hold on one second.

21 AUDIENCE: Thank her. (Applause.)

22 MODERATOR: Since this is the last round, I
23 figured I would welcome up if the Congressional

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1 reps have any comments to make. Everybody's
2 shaking their head no. Correct? All right.
3 Have a good night. This officially --

4 CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE: George Kervitsky.
5 (Appause).

6 GEORGE KERVITSKY: Drive safely.

7 HEARING ENDED AT 8:53 P.M.

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