## Lawrence, Christopher

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From: Joseph Keenan [mailto:jtkphd@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 3:23 PM To: Mills, Brian Subject: request for intervener status

Dear Mr. Mills:

This email is for the purpose of requesting intervener status in the EIS process related to the Northern Pass project.

My wife and I, through our respective trusts, own 280 acres in Northumberland, NH, on which we live yearround. Although our land is two miles from the current ROW, we have a view 40 miles west into Vermont. At some point in the future, we may divide our property into high-value house sites. We have already been informed through a recent assessment connected to a mortgage refinancing that the proposed Northern Pass has affected our property's value.

We also own and operate a small (50 kW) hydroelectric facility on our land, and have an interconnection agreement with PSNH to sell our surplus generation. To the extent that any proposed project of this nature may decrease the value of the supplemental power that we currently sell "into the grid," we will likewise be negatively affected.

We attended the "information session" held by Northern Pass in Groveton, but could not get a simple answer to the question, "We cannot currently see the lower towers (40'-50'), as they are below a ridge. Will we be able to see the higher towers from our land?" Approaching first one, then another "Google Earth expert," we received the same verbatim response each time: **"I cannot tell you whether you will be able to see the towers or not."** 

## Certainly, one would expect that, with its extensive resources, Northern Pass could take the initiative to employ the latest technology to give visual information to landowners regarding the visual impact of the <u>entire</u> project.

Why, also, would Northern Pass not apply the most up-to-date technology -- as has been done elsewhere in New England -- and bury this entire "extension cord" into southern New England. The right-of-way was originally granted to bring power <u>into</u> northern New Hampshire. Monetizing the current right-of-way to bring power <u>through</u> New Hampshire appears to be in excess of the original intent.

Thank you for your consideration.

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