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**REQUEST FOR INTERVENER STATUS IN DOE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR NORTHERN PASS**

Dear Mr. Lawrence,

I hereby request intervener status in the DOE permitting process for Northern Pass.

My position is opposition to Northern Pass on the grounds of its probable negative impact on (a) the security and reliability of the New England Electric Grid which serves New Hampshire, (b) the New Hampshire economy by creating barriers to development of distributed electric generation via wind, solar, and bio-fueled CHP, and (c) New Hampshire's ability to achieve its RPS goals. Research to marshal the facts behind these concerns is too costly for any individual intervener. I believe DOE has the responsibility in the permitting process to gather and present the facts, pro and con, on these issues. Having said this, I am seeking funding for some research on these issues.

My interest and right to participate as an intervener derive from my standing as a rural resident of New Hampshire whose safety and wellbeing are heavily dependent upon the security and reliability of the New England Electric Grid and upon the health of the New Hampshire economy.

I believe my participation is in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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