

PETITION FOR A HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINE ORDINANCE
TOWN OF _____

WHEREAS, the Town of _____ is located north of the existing electrical transmission line right of way that carries a High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) power line designated by Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) as Line X-178; and,

WHEREAS, PSNH et al., acting on behalf of Northern Pass, LLC, are attempting to purchase property in the Town of _____ and/or other nearby towns for a new high voltage electrical transmission line right of way that will extend the aforementioned PSNH right of way generally north to the Canadian Border; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Northern Pass transmission line, would carry 1,200 Megawatts of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) power generally south from Canada through New Hampshire on visually damaging power lines hung from tall, intrusive steel towers at heights ranging from eighty (80') feet to one hundred and thirty five (135') feet in the air, well above tree height; and,

WHEREAS, the Voters of the Town of _____ have concluded that the Northern Pass transmission line, as it has been proposed, would cause significant degradation of real estate property values resulting in losses of property tax receipts well in excess of any conceivable property tax revenues from levying tax assessments on the aforesaid towers and transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, numerous other negative impacts from the aforesaid proposed Northern Pass transmission line will occur or can reasonably be expected to occur, over time, including, but not limited to:

- a. A drop in tourist visits and revenues as damages from the power lines to the region's natural scenic beauty will be a deterrent to people coming to visit or live in the region.
- b. A drop in toll fees and New Hampshire gas tax revenues as motorists choose other routes into Northern New England or worse, choose not come at all.
- c. The strong likelihood of negative health impacts from Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF's) radiating from the 1200 Megawatt HVDC cables.
- d. A drop in business revenues and consequently, a drop in employment at local businesses such as; ski areas, restaurants, gas stations, constructions firms, shops, stores, banks, real estate firms, to mention just a few - - all of which are heavily dependent upon visitors coming to the area.

Therefore, the undersigned citizens of _____, by petition, respectfully ask the town to adopt the following ordinance:

Other than high voltage electrical transmission lines in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance, there shall be no further overhead development of alternating current or direct current high voltage transmission lines within the borders of the Town of _____. All such future electrical transmission lines must be placed underground within power line rights of way or within yet to be established power line corridors and installed in a manner approved by the State of New Hampshire's Public Utility Commission and/or Department of Transportation. Distribution lines carrying electrical power and other utility lines such as telephone and cable television for local residential or commercial use may continue to be installed above ground, but undergrounding of such lines, is strongly recommended and encouraged.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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