



In Support of Northern Pass and a Motion to Resume SEC Deliberations

Jim Roche, President, N.H. Business and Industry Association (BIA)

"The Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire supports Northern Pass and its efforts to convince the Site Evaluation Committee to resume deliberations and give the project a full hearing. Granite State businesses need to know that our state government is assessing vital energy projects like Northern Pass in a fair and consistent manner. New Hampshire's electrical energy prices are 50 to 60 percent higher than the national average, and approximately 30 percent of the region's generation capacity has already retired or is at risk of retiring over the next few years. Without Northern Pass and other large energy infrastructure projects, electricity prices in the region will continue to rise relative to the rest of the country, jeopardizing New Hampshire's economy."

Tony Guinta, Mayor, City of Franklin, New Hampshire

"The Northern Pass project represents the single greatest infrastructure project in the history of our city. It is not only of major importance to the city of Franklin, it is a sign of hope for all manufacturers throughout New Hampshire that lower electric rates are on the horizon."

Michael Skelton, President & CEO, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

"Rising and unstable energy costs are a serious threat to the prosperity of existing New Hampshire businesses and hurt our efforts to attract new jobs and economic development opportunities to the state. Any strategy that intends to meaningfully lower and stabilize energy costs in our state and region must include building new infrastructure at the scale proposed by Northern Pass. The GMCC has long supported Northern Pass as it represents a shovel-ready project that will help secure our region's energy future while delivering significant economic benefits. The project deserves full and fair consideration from regulators and we urge the SEC to reconsider their decision."

Brian Murphy, Business Manager, IBEW Local 104

"The IBEW worked hard to ensure that this project was developed in a way that brought maximum benefit to New Hampshire and New Hampshire workers. We worked with Northern Pass to develop an innovative project labor agreement that not only assured that jobs go to New Hampshire union workers first, but, in areas where the IBEW does not have the expertise, such as logging, we supported that work going to local New Hampshire contractors. Given the tremendous benefits this project brings to New Hampshire, it is critical that the NH Site Evaluation Committee reconsider its decision and complete the work that it is required of them."

Tracy Hatch, President and CEO, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce

*"It's difficult to state this more plainly - our State and our businesses **need** Northern Pass. Our businesses are doing their part - they're continuously investing in more energy efficiency technologies and strategies, they're reducing and conserving energy whenever possible, and they need a strong partner in the State and the SEC to step up and do their own work to control rising and volatile energy costs. BAE Systems alone has invested nearly \$2 million in energy efficiency here in New Hampshire in the past 3 years and dropped its electricity usage by 2 percent - and they've still seen a 24 percent increase in their costs over the same period as energy prices, especially during periods of peak demand and insufficient supply, have risen far beyond that anywhere else in the country. Northern Pass is an essential part of our future energy infrastructure and we strongly urge the SEC to reopen its consideration of Northern Pass."*

Allen Bouthillier, President, AB Excavating in Lancaster

Coös County has always been a region that successfully utilized multiple use of our lands, combining manufacturing, industrial development, recreation and tourism. While manufacturing has disappeared, there is no reason our county can't again manage new industrial development in a manner that brings benefit to the entire county. The people of Coös County need it, and the Site Evaluation Commission should give its full attention to the project.