

## ADD MARTIN LETTER

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### **Revised schedule to Northern Pass Scoping Meetings – there are now 7 hearings!**

We received word today that there are now seven (7) scoping hearings for Northern Pass and that the Plymouth meeting has been moved.

Here's the message:

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#### **Department of Energy Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meeting on Northern Pass Transmission Line Project**

Washington, D.C. - The Department of Energy (DOE) will host **seven** public scoping meetings as part of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential environmental impacts from its proposed action of granting a Presidential permit to Northern Pass Transmission to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northern New Hampshire. **Six of these meetings were previously noticed, but in response to requests, a seventh location has been added in Haverhill, NH; also, the meeting venue in Plymouth has been changed in order to accommodate more attendees.**

Northern Pass Transmission LLC (Northern Pass) applied to DOE for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border. The line would extend south from the U.S.-Canada international border approximately 140 miles to a HVDC converter terminal that would be constructed in Franklin, New Hampshire. The converter terminal would convert the direct current to alternating current (AC) and allow the HVDC line to connect to a new 345-kv AC line that Northern Pass proposes to construct between the Franklin converter and the existing Deerfield Substation in Deerfield.

Members of the public are invited to attend to obtain information about the proposed project and make comments. DOE and project personnel will be available for informal discussions. Information on this project can be obtained from DOE's website related to the project at [www.northernpasseis.us](http://www.northernpasseis.us). For further information about these public hearings or the EIS process, please contact Brian Mills at (202) 586-8267 or by e-mail at [Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov).

**Northern Pass Transmission Scoping Meetings**

Location	Address	Date and Time
Pembroke, NH	Pembroke Academy cafeteria 209 Academy Road Pembroke, NH 03275	Monday, March 14, 6-9 pm
Franklin, NH	Franklin Opera House 316 Central Street Franklin, NH 03235	Tuesday, March 15, 6-9 pm
Lincoln, NH	The Mountain Club on Loon, Hancock Room 90 Loon Mountain Road Lincoln, NH 03251	Wednesday, March 16, 6-9 pm
Whitefield, NH	Mountain View Grand Hotel and Resort, Presidential Room 101 Mount View Road Whitefield, NH 03598	Thursday, March 17, 6-9 pm
Plymouth, NH	<b>Plymouth State University, Silver Center, 114 Maine St. Plymouth, NH</b>	Friday, March 18, 6-9 pm
Colebrook, NH	Colebrook Elementary School 27 Dumont Street Colebrook, NH 03576	Saturday, March 19, 1-4 pm
<b>Haverhill, NH</b>	<b>Haverhill Cooperative Middle School 175 Morrill Drive North Haverhill, NH</b>	<b>Sunday, March 20, 1-4 pm</b>

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Please note these and be sure to spread the word, send comments, go to the scoping hearing (or more than one) and speak your truth. This is your opportunity to point out significant issues in terms of your property, community, the environment, historic properties etc.

Some opposition members have indicated that to them the scoping hearings are merely a means to MODIFY or MITIGATE the line and don't give enough opportunity totally reject it due to the total negative impact on NH. We suspect that many of you will work on that and do more than just point out limited issues. But whatever you comment on, we repeat SPEAK YOUR TRUTH. And pass this on to anyone who might be interested! Offer to drive them to the hearing.

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**From Our Friends in Northern Grafton County and Bury Northern Pass.  
Be sure to check out the sign gallery!**

<http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com/2011/02/sign-gallery-11-12.html>

<http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com/2011/03/sign-gallery-21-30.html>

The first of a two-part series on Northern Pass and the Special Use Permit from the WMNF:

<http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com/2011/03/northern-pass-and-wmnf-part-1.html>

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**Campton Info Meeting tonight – 120 attend.**

Our opposition friend Jan Marvel has just returned from a meeting regarding Northern Pass in Campton. She reports:

*“Just got back from the Campton meeting. We put our red signs along the walk and wore our screaming orange vests and showed support to all who entered. There were at least 120 people, ALL opposed!*

*State Senator Jeannie Forrester was there.”*

**Jan Marvel had also asked us to send out a request for photos of Coos County. She has notified us that she is overwhelmed with the beauty and generosity of everyone who responded and now has a host of fabulous shots. Thank you all!**

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**Chichester Information Meeting March 1<sup>st</sup> Report**

Our opposition friend Dave Dobbins sent us a report on the Chichester information meeting yesterday (March 1<sup>st</sup>)

Thanks Dave. Here’s part of his report.

*“I attended the “Northern Pass Informational Meeting” last night in Chichester and was encouraged. Bluntly put, the people there do NOT want this Project in their town and some commented that it was going to harm our state with not enough benefit to make it worth the damage. I counted 48 persons in attendance not including the three people from NP/PSNH and the selectman of the Town. This was actually a Selectman’s Meeting and the first portion was the presentation by the NP that was supposed to last “about 20 minutes”. The actual presentation was about 20 minutes but when opened to questions, it was rather lengthy – I*

think that portion ended about 8:45 pm and even then the Selectmen stopped the question period because they had other regular business to conduct.

They (NP) also seem to be trying to minimize the height of the towers saying that some of what may go through Chichester would likely be H-style built from wood at a height of 80'. At one point, they disputed the poster of the tower (with the spruce tree!) and said that is not the type of tower that was planned. When pressed on tower heights, the stock answer came that for the AC portion the towers would be 80' to 135' depending on terrain and width of ROW, and the DC tower heights would be between 90' and 135' depending on terrain and width of ROW.

One thing that was clear though is that they keep stressing using existing ROWs wherever possible and Concord attorney Ray D'Amante even encouraged them to run towers through ROWs that are on his business property in Concord rather than create new ones through the beautiful scenery in Concord (people applauded this). The real tough part of some of the details of this fight will be about existing ROWs because for many folks this is seen as so much less intrusive. However, there has been no detail forthcoming from NP about modifications needed in all of these ROWS. We need to press on this issue." - Dave

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## **Letters to Governor Lynch now over 1000!!**

Pam and Peter Martin's Campaign over 1000 letters to give to Governor Lynch in opposition to Northern Pass is now over 1000! They write that they just received over 100 from PSU students who have become quite engaged in opposing NP. See their letter attached and get it back to them. Their address is at the bottom of the letter. Join the crowd.

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## **Eye on Concord**

Eye on Concord is a website that sends out information to people interested in what is happening in Concord. Their website is [www.eyeonconcord.com](http://www.eyeonconcord.com). They recently learned about Northern Pass and we encourage you to check out the website. You can also sign up to receive their weekly eblasts. They will be starting a multipart series next week. All you have to do is email [Info@eyeonconcord.com](mailto:Info@eyeonconcord.com) requesting you be put on the mailing list.

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## **Socomagazine Article on Northern Pass!**

Check out <http://www.socomagazine.info/> for a great article on Northern Pass.

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