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Mark your calendars:

There will be an **Information Meeting on the Power line in Lancaster** on **Thursday, January 6, 2011 starting at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 25 Main Street**. The concerned citizens are working with the selectmen of Lancaster to provide information to the local community on the impacts of the line to communities and residents. **All are welcome**. Support this event.

Alex Lee's presentation on **"Is Big Hydro Green?"** cancelled due to the weather, has been rescheduled in **Colebrook on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM** in the **vestry of the Monadnock Congregational Church on Main St**. After graduating from Vermont Law School in 2001, Alex was Assistant to the Commissioners at the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, where he worked on energy efficiency programs. He also served as staff co-chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources & the Environment and was an active, regular participant in the New England Demand Response Initiative (NEDRI). Alex lives in Concord NH. **The presentation is FREE. All are welcome.**

For more information on either event (or to announce a meeting you are planning) contact infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com

News:

Sometime There's a Win!

This is a news release on a recent decision made in Montana that a transmission company has no legal authority to take someone's private property to construct a private-for-profit high voltage transmission line. Please note that rules, regulations and laws vary from state to state.

December 16, 2010

(Rimbey, AB) A district judge in Montana ruled on Monday that the private Canadian developer, Montana Alberta Tie Line (MATL), has no legal authority to take someone else's private property to construct a private-for-profit high-voltage transmission line from Lethbridge to Great Falls Mt. Montana Alberta Tie Line (MATL) is not a regulated public utility. They are a private-for-profit company.

The Lavesta Area Group welcomes the court's decision and views this as a victory for landowner rights. The Lavesta Area Group has decided, as a result of this court victory, to increase its financial contribution to \$50,000 in support the landowners fighting against Montana Alberta Tie Line Inc (MATL) south and east of Lethbridge. Montana Alberta Tie Line (MATL), is a private-for-profit company that wants to build privately held transmission lines on other people's land. We believe this is a private

matter between a landowner and a developer and should remain so. However, when a developer tells a landowner that there are no choices – the landowner must accept an offer that cannot be refused. We are reminded when this behaviour was called extortion and racketeering, and was not tolerated.

We believe property rights and democratic rights are worth fighting for!

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Website to Bookmark:

Here's a website that you'll want to bookmark. It's set up by RETA (Reliable Energy Transmission for Albertans) that is also fighting power lines.

<http://retasite.wordpress.com/latest-news/>

No surprise that Canadians are also fighting these large transmission lines. On this RETA site you will find information on health and safety impacts and other issues. High Voltage DC transmission lines are proliferating everywhere and along with them community opposition. We can learn from other groups to find out what they have done and how they are faring. We wish them all well in their fight.