

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

NEW HAMPSHIRE

July 16, 2012

The Honorable Jean Charest
Premier of Quebec
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Dear Premier Charest,


We write to you as the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire. Under the laws of New Hampshire we are charged with carrying out the prudential affairs of our Town. We are the executive body that does whatever is necessary to carry out the wishes of the voters at our annual town meetings each year.

This letter is to advise you and, by copy, Hydro-Quebec's management that the voters of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire have voiced strong opposition to the proposed project know as "Northern Pass" that will deliver Hydro-Quebec electric power through New Hampshire for distribution to several New England states not including New Hampshire. These proposed transmission lines will extend through a portion of our community disrupting neighborhoods with potentially dangerous high tension power lines and unsightly steel towers extending up to 135' in the air in some locations. On March 14th 2011, at our annual town meeting, the voters of Holderness unanimously supported a resolution to oppose the construction of any portion of this project. A certified copy of this resolution is included for your reference.

Premier Charest please understand the citizens of Holderness, New Hampshire are not opposed to a business relationship between Northeast Utilities and Hydro-Quebec to bring alternative electric power to New England to meet the electric needs of this region, however, our citizens do demand that the method of delivery and the impact to our quiet, pristine environment must be minimal and acceptable to all who live in our community, region and the state of New Hampshire!

Sincerely,

Holderness Select Board



Peter Webster, Chairman



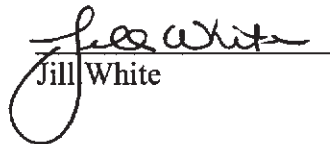
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