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October 24, 2012

Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary
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Forrestal Building
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Washington, DC 20585-0800

Re: New Hampshire Northern Pass Transmission LLC Presidential Permit

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in regard to the concerns raised by the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) which were submitted to your agency on October 9, 2012, as part of the public commenting period.

CLF believes there is a conflict of interest with the current, third-party contractor hired by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the applicant, Northern Pass Transmission LLC. I request that you ensure the necessary steps are taken to review these concerns.

The outcome of your Department's review of the pending application by Northern Pass LLC is of great significance to the people of New Hampshire. Taking these steps now will help make certain that the outcome of this process is perceived as legitimate and that the process remains transparent.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Kelly Ayotte
U.S. Senator

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