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One of the questions that must be considered is do we need the energy that would be transmitted over this line. Consider that NH has an energy surplus, producing 40% more electricity than we consume, as clearly illustrated in the attached chart of NH Energy Consumption over the past 50 years, and that New England as a whole has an energy surplus of 18%.

The math clearly illustrates that the energy need lies elsewhere, and I submit that the solution should be sought within those States that consume more than they produce, without decimating the quality of life and natural beauty of their neighbors.

So, no WE do not need this project in NH.

Additionally, I refer you to Pg3 of the 2009-2013 Strategic Plan, published by Hydro-Quebec, in which their stated objective is to increase generating capacity and increase exports. One way for Hydro-Quebec to ensure an increase in their exports is to displace our local, New England energy producers. The promise of 1000 temporary jobs, during the construction phase, instead of real full time employment opportunities is no benefit, no matter how it is packaged.

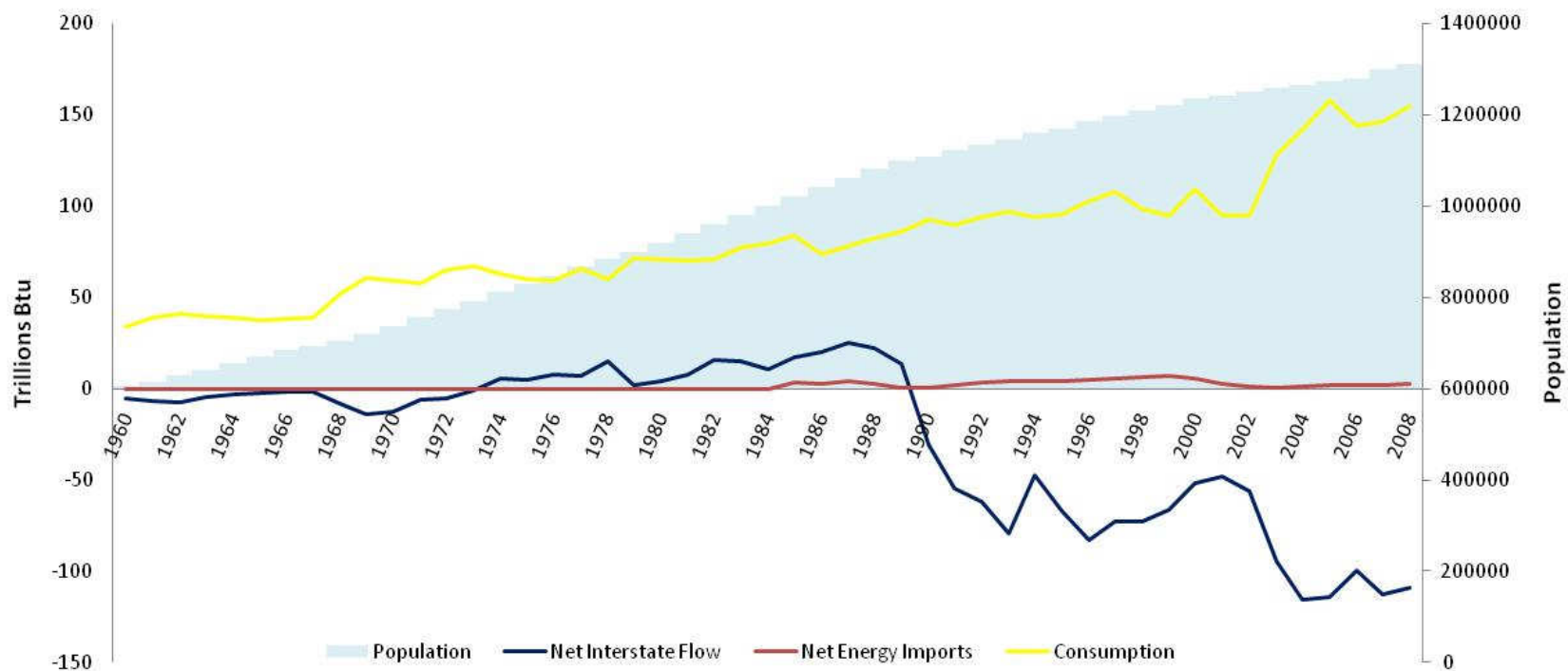
Hydro-Quebec has no allegiance to the people of New Hampshire, their responsibility rests solely to their bottom line and to their investors.

While we wait for Congress to develop a long term Energy Plan for the country, I would submit that supplanting a dependency on foreign oil with a dependency on foreign electricity is a flawed policy.

So, again, NO we do not need this project in NH.

I humbly request that the Department of Energy deny this application for a Presidential Permit.

New Hampshire Energy Consumption 1960-2008



*excluding Gasoline, Jet Fuel, Fuel Oils & LPG

Sources:
 Energy Data - US Energy Information Administration
 Population Data - US Census for 10 year actual population count