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NORTHERN PASS PERMIT APPLICATION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Portsmouth, NH: Today, the New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA) filed [comments with the U.S. Department of Energy](#) (DOE) to raise serious concerns with the recently updated Presidential Permit application submitted by Northern Pass Transmission. NEPGA challenges the Northern Pass application as incomplete and containing numerous inaccuracies. NEPGA's filing urges that the application be withdrawn and corrected.

In particular, NEPGA's comments note that "Northern Pass makes a series of claims of likely impacts from the Project for which it either does not provide substantiation for, or relies upon admittedly out-dated information. In some cases, Northern Pass does not provide the full set of facts to buttress its claim. In particular, Northern Pass misrepresents the likely impact of the reduction in wholesale power prices, CO₂ emissions and the region's use of natural gas." NEPGA's comments, by contrast, highlight numerous more up to date analyses done on economic, employment and environmental impacts that the proposed project would have in New Hampshire and across New England.

Dan Dolan, President of NEPGA, speaking about the comments said, "Our concern for several years with Northern Pass has been that this project was attempting to tilt the playing field in its own favor. These issues have extended from concerns over eminent domain and land-use, false claims on economic and reliability benefits and ultimately a belief that the economics for such a project could only be justified with subsidies." Dolan went on to say, "New England's generators continue to provide electricity supplies for consumers reliably and at competitive prices all while driving environmental emissions down. The thousands of people who efficiently operate the billions of dollars of assets invested in our region's power facilities must be able to compete on a level playing field to ultimately drive the next wave of innovative investments and provide consumers the best prices for the electricity they demand."

The New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA) is the trade association representing competitive electric generating companies in New England. NEPGA's members' represent 80%, or nearly 27,000 megawatts, of all the available generating capacity in New England. NEPGA's mission is to promote sound energy policies which will further economic development, jobs, and balanced environmental policy. NEPGA believes that sustainable competitive markets are the best means to provide long-term reliable and affordable supplies of electricity for consumers. For more information go to www.nepga.org and follow NEPGA on Twitter [@ NEPGA](#).