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Send any news, links or events you would like to share with others on this distribution list to [infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com).

If you know anyone who is concerned about this project, pass along this update to them.

Check out our Website [www.livefreeorfry.org](http://www.livefreeorfry.org) for fact sheets, archived updates, news, our blog, templates and action steps you can take.

You should also check out the Northern Grafton County blog at <http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com> and become a friend on Face Book at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Stop-The-Northern-Pass-No-High-Tension-Power-Lines-in-Coos-County/161856213834437> at the Stop the Northern Pass site.

**For Donations or to order materials you can do that through the Power Line Education Fund by going to [www.livefreeorfry.org](http://www.livefreeorfry.org) and pay via PayPal or send a check or money order to the PLEF, PO Box 441, Colebrook, NH 03576 and designate what you'd like to order or to what activity donate.**

### **Materials Being Ordered**

The Concerned Citizens and Power Line Education Fund are in the process of ordering posters, a banner for events (such as the Snodeo) and more bumper stickers. We are also planning on having lawn signs printed up. We will need additional funds for the lawn signs. If anyone would like to donate to the "materials" fund see the contact information above. Be sure to specify what you would like to donate or order.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> a Landowner Rights Meeting starting at 6:00 pm for all landowners and others opposed to the Northern Pass. Place: Colebrook Elementary School Cafeteria, LANDOWNER MEETING ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> AT THE COLEBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STARTING AT 6:00 pm. Speakers on landowner rights, the regulatory process, impact on land values and other topics. Open to all. Bring ideas and questions. For more information contact [infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com).

Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Woodstock Inn, Woodstock starting at 6:00 pm. The meeting will take place in the Clement Room of the Inn. Open to anyone opposed to the Northern Pass Proposal and want to help stop the Project. For more information contact [infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com).

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. *No Northern Pass Coalition.*

The Rocks Estate, Bethlehem. Contact [burynorthernpass@gmail.com](mailto:burynorthernpass@gmail.com) or [infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com) for more info.

Monday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m. *Lakes Region Planning Commission*, New Hampton School, Academic Research Center Building, 88 Main St., New Hampton. Representatives from Public Service of New Hampshire and the Northern Pass will present an overview of the project. Following, there will be a presentation from the Conservation Law Foundation Ventures about the Energy Technical Assistance and Planning program which offers energy efficiency technical assistance at no charge to municipalities and counties in the state. In case of bad weather the meeting will rescheduled to Monday, Jan. 31. Additional information

or special accommodation arrangements are available by contacting the commission at **279-8171** or [lrpc@lakesrpc.org](mailto:lrpc@lakesrpc.org)

February 2, 4:00 pm at the regular selectmen meeting a presentation by Northern Pass. Check with the Littleton Town Office for place. Call 444-3996.

The Bury Northern Pass Blog has added a calendar to their site. To check for new upcoming events and meetings go to <http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com/p/calendar-meetings-events.html>

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#### **Links for background information and news related to the project.**

The New England Power Generators Association also filed to object to the recent FERC application by Northern Pass.

Check out their latest action at

[http://www.renewgridmag.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.6196](http://www.renewgridmag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.6196)

PSNH Seeks New Charges, Questions About the Future Loom at

<http://www.nhpr.org/psnh-seeks-new-charges-questions-about-future-loom>

An 8 page document titled: Public Service of New Hampshire Transmission Line Easements Procedure and Survey Requirements at

<http://www.claremontnh.com/government-information/bcc/documents/PSNHLineEasementProcedureandSurvey.pdf>

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#### **Additional Information to review:**

From Alex Lee's Big Hydro is Not Green Yahoo Group:

(Alex was a guest speaker in Colebrook last week. See the Colebrook Chronicle Video to see view part of Alex's presentation on Big Hydro is Not Green. Go to At <http://www.colebrookchronicle.com/> for January 11<sup>th</sup> issue.

- 12,000 MW is 25% of ISO-NE load.
- 12,000 MW is New England wind resource potential by 2020 if there is *very* serious public policy support.
- 1,200 MW is 2.5% of ISO-NE load.
- 1,200 MW is capacity of un-built Northern Pass line.
- \$1.2 billion cost of Northern Pass transmission line
- \$1.2 trillion in potential savings from energy efficiency identified by McKinsey across whole US
- \$520 billion cost to achieve \$1.2 trillion in energy efficiency across whole US

- Population of United States is roughly 311,899,034
- Population of New Hampshire is roughly 1,324,575 or 0.42% of US population
- \$2.18 billion is 0.42% of \$520 billion

If more than a billion dollars of electricity is expected to pass over this billion plus dollar power line, is it fair to ask why the Public Utilities Commission and the Governor cannot stop this project and re-regulate Samuel Insull's folly so that we conserve and become more efficient rather than continue to build central power plants and large hydro projects that reduce the reliability and safety of our grid? - Alex Lee

#### **Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust News:**

The Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT), which came out against the Northern Pass Project several weeks ago, met on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to explore what opposition groups are doing and to discuss steps they can take to reach landowners and others who are impacted by the proposed power line.

Over 25 people attended the meeting at the Rocks Estate which was facilitated by Rebecca Brown, Executive Director of ACT. Attendees included members of ACT and other interested parties.

Leaders of some of the opposition groups were in attendance and reviewed some of the steps that have been taken so far. They also talked about the No Northern Pass Coalition which brings together all interested opposition groups to formulate policy and share common messages.

ACT members decided to continue to meet on the issue and as a first step to reach out to landowners along the proposed line whether they are along the alternate or preferred route. They also agreed that the negative impact extended well beyond those landowners who will have the power line on their property. The general sense of the group is that ALL landowners and residents throughout New Hampshire will be negatively affected.

See the ACT website at <http://www.aconservationtrust.org/>

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#### **Nature Conservancy News**

This news from the good work of both Bill and Bob. Thanks to both

We have received a letter dated December 20, 2010 from the Nature Conservancy of New Hampshire to the DOE registering its objections to the Northern Pass project. While the Nature Conservancy has not sought DOE intervener status, it has asked to be kept informed. Bill Schomberg (a Meriden Hill neighbor) was the one that obtained the letter from the Nature Conservancy. It has consented to the letter being distributed widely.

PLEASE CONTACT [infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com) if you'd like a copy of the Dec. 20 letter from the Nature Conservancy.

