

March 16, 2016

Dear Site Evaluation Committee and Interested Parties:

BAE Systems believes that we must take action now to lower electricity costs and bring more reliable, affordable supplies of power onto the regional grid for New Hampshire's economy to remain competitive and growing. That is why we join with other New Hampshire businesses in supporting the Northern Pass Forward New Hampshire plan, and we are pleased to provide you with a copy of our joint statement.

The Northern Pass Forward New Hampshire Plan will help to improve our region's energy deficit by delivering clean, renewable, hydroelectric power to New Hampshire and the region while addressing environmental impact concerns. Equally important, the project promises to provide unmistakably clear benefits to New Hampshire by bringing low-cost electricity directly to the state's residents and businesses, creating hundreds of jobs, and providing millions in tax revenue to local communities.

We look forward to a thorough, timely, and fact-based review of the updated project, and urge regulators at all levels of government to act in a fair and timely manner. New Hampshire citizens and businesses cannot afford to wait any longer for action.

Sincerely,



Paul Markwardt  
Vice President and Deputy General Manager  
BAE Systems Electronic Systems

STATEMENT OF BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR  
THE FORWARD NEW HAMPSHIRE PLAN  
October 2015

The high cost of energy is a major concern for New Hampshire businesses, putting us at a competitive disadvantage with other states.

That's why we are pleased to support the Eversource Forward New Hampshire Plan. This is a balanced plan, which will help New Hampshire meet its energy challenges with reliable, competitively priced and clean hydro power from Canada. This power will lower energy costs by about \$80 million annually for New Hampshire businesses and residential customers.

New Hampshire has made it clear that energy projects must be developed with sensitivity to protecting communities, landowners and views that are important to our state. With the Forward NH Plan, Eversource has shown that it has listened.

Burying the proposed transmission line as it proceeds through the White Mountain National Forest, the Appalachian Trail, Franconia Notch and surrounding areas, and reducing the number of structures and their heights along the route helps to address concerns about impacts to New Hampshire's landscape and some of our most treasured views.

Establishing a \$200 million Forward New Hampshire Fund is a substantial investment in New Hampshire's future that will allow important community, economic development, and clean energy innovation initiatives to move forward, particularly in the North Country.

This plan will generate significant positive economic activity for New Hampshire, not just from lower electric rates, but from 2,400 construction jobs, a commitment to hire New Hampshire workers, and about \$30 million a year in new tax payments. It will also boost dozens of local economies where the line will be constructed.

The time has come for thoughtful solutions to the historic energy challenges we face. Forward NH is a true New Hampshire plan that deserves the support of our state. We urge New Hampshire's elected officials to join us in supporting this important energy plan and the \$3.8 billion in direct economic and unparalleled environmental benefits it will provide to the people and businesses of New Hampshire.

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