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Washington, DC 20510

April 8, 2015

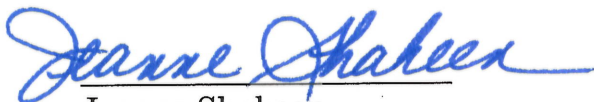
The Honorable Patricia Hoffman  
Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Assistant Secretary Hoffman:

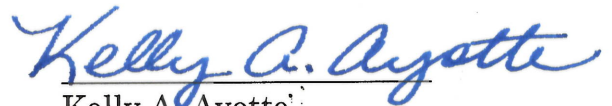
The draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for Northern Pass Transmission's application to construct and operate an electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border into Northern New Hampshire is expected to be released in the spring of 2015. The draft EIS will likely contain multiple volumes, detailed maps and appendices that will include approximately 2,000 pages of material. We understand that the current process allows for at least a 60-day comment period. We respectfully request that all public hearings be scheduled at least 90 days after the release date of the draft EIS and that public comments be accepted for at least 90 days after the final public hearing date. This will ensure that New Hampshire stakeholders will have the necessary time to analyze, process and comment on the draft EIS.

Thank you for your attention to our request, which is part of our ongoing efforts to ensure Granite Staters have a meaningful opportunity to participate in the review process by asking questions and making their voices heard. We look forward to your timely response.

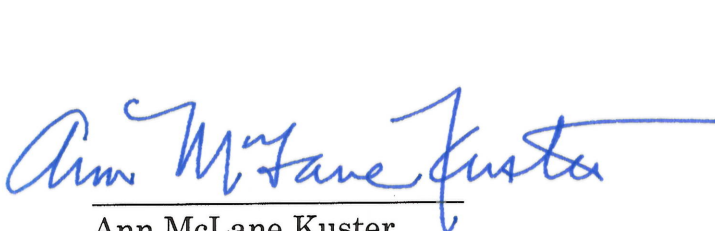
Sincerely,



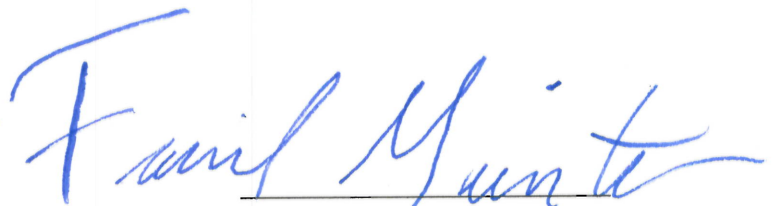
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U.S. Senator



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Member of Congress



Frank Guinta  
Member of Congress

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**Subject:** NH Congressional Delegation letter to Assistant Secretary Hoffman

Hi Tré,

Please find the attached letter that Senators Shaheen and Ayotte, along with Congresswoman Kuster and Congressman Guinta sent today to Assistant Secretary Hoffman. Could you please ensure this letter is received by the Assistant Secretary?

Please let me know if there's someone else I should contact with this request. I appreciate your time.

All the best,  
Kelsey

### **Kelsey Keegan**

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