THE NORTHERN PASS℠

April 12, 2011

Mr. Walter Johnson
Town of Holderness
P.O. Box 203
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

This morning, The Northern Pass project team filed a letter with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requesting changes to the project's Presidential Permit application.

Proposed by Public Service of New Hampshire's parent company, Northeast Utilities, along with NSTAR, The Northern Pass transmission line would be owned by New Hampshire-based Northern Pass Transmission LLC, and would provide Hydro-Québec the rights to deliver 1,200 megawatts of power for use in New Hampshire and New England for 40 years.

Changes to the project's application are being made based on the concerns we've heard from local communities and landowners regarding visual and other impacts. We have listened intently to your comments, and we recognize that, despite our best intentions and preliminary thinking around design, we need to take another look at the routing for this project.

Today's letter notifies the DOE that the following steps are being taken immediately to help alleviate some of the concerns that have been raised in many of the affected communities:

- The project is withdrawing its support for five route segments it had previously identified as practical alternatives to its preferred route. These alternatives, all of which would have required new rights of way, include:
    - North Section, Second Alternative, which would have gone around the Cape Horn State Forest, but through the Potter Farm conservation area in Northumberland and Lancaster;
    - North Section, Third Alternative, which would have gone primarily through Whitefield, Dalton, and Littleton;
    - Central Section, First Alternative, which would have gone around the White Mountain National Forest and through the towns of Easton, Landaff, Bath, Haverhill, Piermont, Orford, Wentworth, Dorchester, Groton, Rumney, Plymouth, Bridgewater, and Ashland; and

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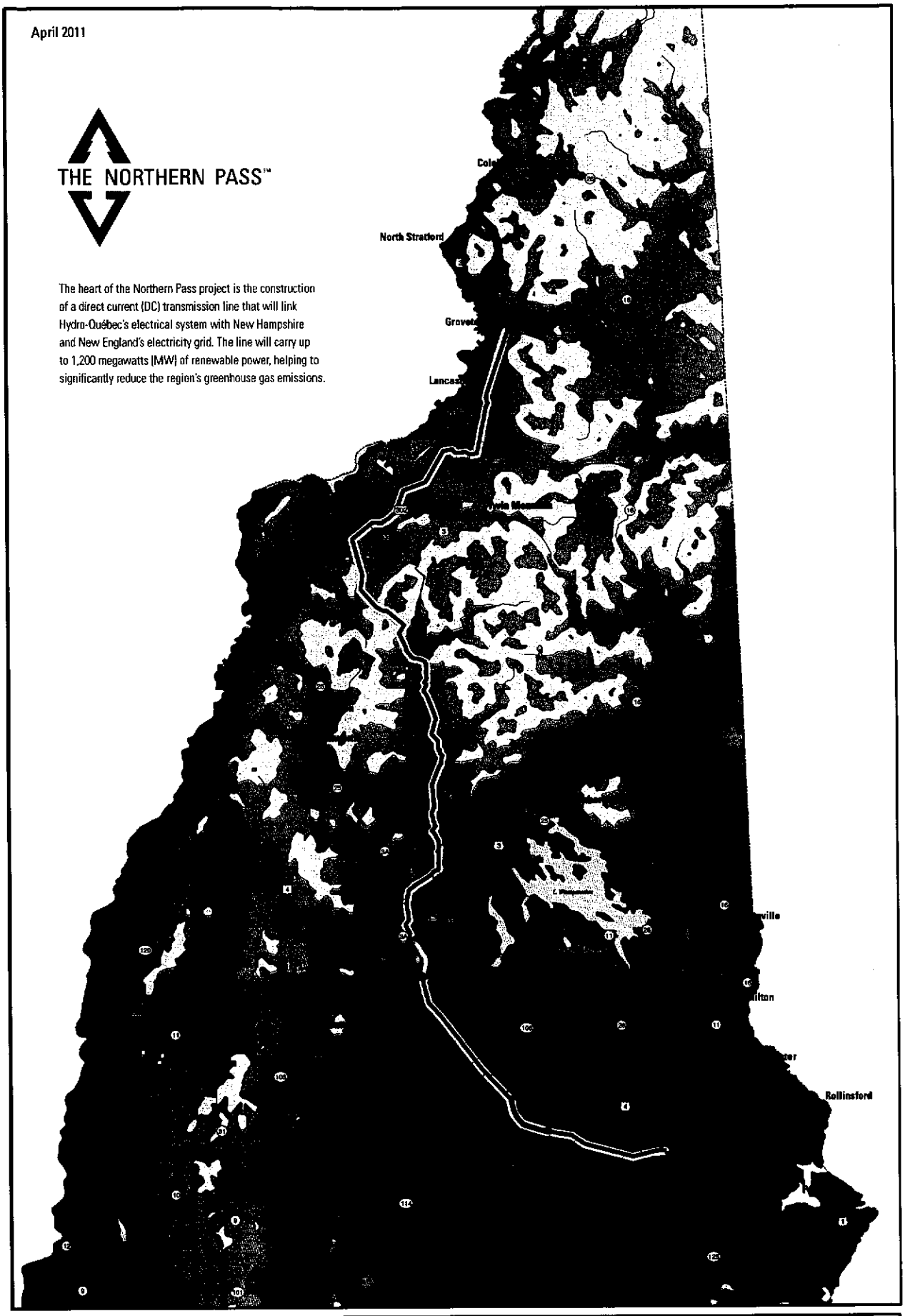
The heart of the Northern Pass project is the construction of a direct current (DC) transmission line that will link Hydro-Québec's electrical system with New Hampshire and New England's electricity grid. The line will carry up to 1,200 megawatts (MW) of renewable power, helping to significantly reduce the region's greenhouse gas emissions.



Distribute to Regional Energy Market
Potential Route
Existing PSNH Right of Way
Alternate Route
Lakes
Converter Terminal
Toll Roads
Airport

12000+ Ft.
9000-12000 Ft.
7500-9000 Ft.
6000-7500 Ft.
4500-6000 Ft.
3000-4500 Ft.
1800-3000 Ft.
1200-1800 Ft.
600-1200 Ft.
300-600 Ft.
150-300 Ft.
0-150 Ft.
Below Sea Level

Note: Existing Right-of-Way may require expansion to accommodate DC Line Project in some areas .

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