

Comments of Frederick King - Coos County Treasurer  
Friday, October 15, 2010

Dear Laura:

Let me begin by saying that the report was well done and met the terms of the agreement. I do have some thoughts that I would like to have considered.

1. On page 3-18 there is reference by stakeholders that no master planning is in place for zoning communities in the North Country. This is not true and I think that the report should indicate that in fact for the Coos County's Unincorporated Places where new generation projects are planned that since 1988 a County Planning Board has had a Master Plan with appropriate zoning and sub-division and other land use documents in place.

2. I do not believe that the State Legislature would ever agree to provide state funding in any form for any transmission line project.

3. On October 4th the day the Commission last met Northeast Utilities filed their Form 8-K with the US SEC in support of the 1,200 MW transmission line project developed with NStar. In effect it appears that through a new venture entitled Northern Pass Transmission LLC they will construct a new line which bring power from Canada to southern New England. They will recover their cost and return on equity over a period of forty years. My question to KEMA is assuming that there is an entity that wants to develop a 200MW wind farm and assuming Northeast Utilities is willing to upgrade its Coos Loop could such a long-term lease arrangement as the one they will have with Hydro-Quebec be workable under the scenarios they envision in their report? It is unfortunate that we could not have discussed this with Dr. Wakefield on the 4th but we met a day early.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed their time and thoughts to this Commission which has been so important to the residents of Coos County.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick King  
Coos County Treasurer