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Mr. Mills,

My Name is Joseph A. Garneau, and I live at 7 Garneau Road, in Franklin, N.H. I have lived my whole life on Garneau Road, that being almost 63 years. My land is adjacent to the Webster Substation, and under high tension lines owned by PSNH or now called Eversource Co.. Those lines feed part of the western portion of N.H.. By documentation, I believe my mother gave the right of way to PSNH, in the early 50's to cross our property, which then was I believe for two lines. That property was passed to me and my sister Mary, upon our parents deaths. We own houses and other buildings adjacent to the lines. For many years we had good relations with PSNH, but in the last 10 years or so they have been terrible neighbors. It got to be such a strained relationship, we had to have the chairman and others of the N.H. PUC come to our property to have a meeting so that we all could decide with my attorney present which trees that year could be trimmed without ruining and completely ruining the property value and it's aesthetic view of Chance pond. The PUC of N.H. told PSNH which trees they could trim and which ones that weren't to touch, that were not under their lines. Everybody agreed that day, however, following that meeting the trimming company cut down my prized maples and oaks, and trimmed trees that they were not supposed to. They completely disregarded the PUC ruling. I planted those trees in the 70's with my own hands in the location that was allowable. Some of the trees they cut actually got felled into Chance Pond, and were left there by PSNH. I was contacted by the DES of N.H. to remove those trees. I was blamed for felling those trees, but I indicated to them at that time I was not the one that had done that. They in turn contacted PSNH, and subsequently were removed. I was then told by PSNH that I would be compensated by them for them ravishing my property, by doing extensive plantings. They planted three small dwarf trees, that died. They had to be removed. So, what we had agreed to, never materialized. Then we were contacted, and they said they would do the plantings, but now there was a string attached, we had to agree to let them clear cut the remaining property under and adjacent to the lines. That was not the original agreement. After ravaging our property, it cost us over ten thousand dollars to have the property repaired so that our property would not continue to erode into Chance pond, after all the cuttings. This is a travesty of justice. However a small landowner cannot fight a large company like PSNH.

On another note, the PSNH Co. has already added equipment to the Webster

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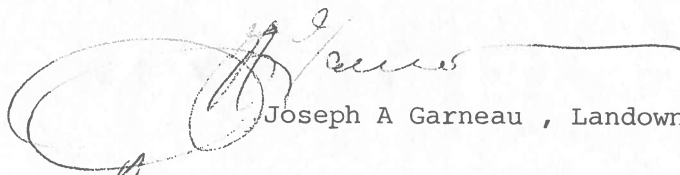
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Substation, in the anticipation of getting approval for it's Northern Pass project. As far as I know, that permission has not yet been given by our federal, or local government. But they are so sure it will be given, they have gone ahead of this permission anyway. THAT IS PURE AND UTTER ARROGANCE. This kind of behavior should not be tolerated by the PUC, the DOE, or the SEC. I know with full knowledge, that my city of Franklin, is the proposed location of the station for converting DC power to AC POWER on this side of the Canadian border, however that does not change the fact that PSNH at not the people they claim to be, because they are not and are not good neighbors... I was also under the impression that our federal government was supposedly heading our country towards energy independence from other countries. But now in that midst, we the USA is considering taking power (energy) from a private company, in Canada, and running it through New England to power our and mostly other states, as we already a atomic plant in our state of N.H... WHICH IS IT ? Energy independence, or more energy from another country, that our government wants. IF the USA would allow FERC to relax the regulations on Hydro power, which is just one facet of power that could help us, so that it wouldn't take 5 years to get a license as just one example, we wouldn't need power from another country, or at the very least could help in our God given water rich part of the country... The boldness and arrogance of PSNH is not acceptable. And as just one land owner, that pays taxes so that PSNH can run their lines over my taxed property, and being adjacent to the bigger and foreign powerful proposed Northern Pass, I am NOT in favor of it's getting a license to do so. I know that in my heart, that to give PSNH a free hand to ruin some of the majestic land in this great nation would be a travesty, and that I think that it contradicts and is in conflict with our contries energy policy, and that it's just wrong. IF you would like to view my property, or talk with me, donot hesitate in contacting me at the above telephone number, during working hours. I Know that much has been written and said, but I would appreciate you thinking about my views also.....

Thank you for your time and consideration.....

  
Joseph A Garneau , Landowner

Note: I will be sending hard copy in the US mail.....

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