



The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

107 North Main Street, Concord, N.H. 03301-4951

July 20, 2017

Mr. Joseph Rossignoli
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Dear Mr. Rossignoli,

I write today to express my unequivocal support for the proposed Granite State Power Link (GSPL) project.

New Hampshire and New England need additional electric power, not only to meet increasing demand, but also to enable cost effective delivery of existing/replacement base load capacity to the grid. The safety, security and economic prosperity of our people, businesses and institutions require a modern, cost-effective and non-destructive power transmission model, and I believe GSPL handily meets all three of these criteria. I also appreciate your efforts to work with our local communities to build support for GSPL and to incorporate their concerns into your transmission model.

New Hampshire's towns, residents, and businesses will benefit significantly from the GSPL project, without the aesthetic, environmental, and economic carnage that a competing project will inflict. These benefits will include:

1. Estimated electricity cost savings of nearly \$1.4 billion for New Hampshire over the first 10 years of operation;
2. Local property tax revenues for the 24 host towns and cities estimated at \$590 million over 40 years;
3. The creation of nearly 1,500 jobs in New Hampshire during peak construction;
4. Substantial assistance to low-income families along the project route from the GSPL co-investor, Citizens Energy; and,
5. Other economic benefits in the form of job creation and economic development.

The use of existing National Grid rights of way and towers over most of the proposed transmission line route indicates an appropriate respect for local viewscape, resources, culture and government.

The collaborative process evidenced by GSPL's meetings with every one of the 24 towns impacted by the project is an exemplar of how to work with – not against – the people, businesses and institutions which have a vested interest in responsible stewardship of our resources as we set the future direction for our state. Attending several of the meetings has solidified my support not only for what is being proposed, but also for how it is being proposed.



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Because of New Hampshire's acute need for inexpensive clean energy, the significant benefits that will accrue to our cities and towns, its minimal impact on our residents and resources, and the manner in which GSPL is conducting its campaign to gain support, I am supporting the project, and will work diligently for its ultimate approval and construction.

I look forward to working with you to help resolve New Hampshire's high energy costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Giuda", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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