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### Senate President statement on Northern Pass announcement

**Concord, NH** – New Hampshire’s Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) today released the following statement on the Northern Pass project’s recent announcement.

“Over the past year, I have encouraged representatives of Eversource to work to understand the concerns expressed about the Northern Pass project, and to seek a compromise addressing those concerns while also helping to solve our state’s serious energy problem.

“The changes announced today by Eversource represent a major improvement to the project and a great opportunity for our state, and I am pleased to be able to support the Northern Pass project as now revised.

“First, I want to acknowledge the critical role the citizens of New Hampshire, specifically those in the communities hosting this project, had in improving this project. Their concern, activism and involvement created an environment that pushed the project developer to be more responsive, to embrace innovation and to seek greater benefits for New Hampshire. As this project moves into the state’s siting process, I encourage Eversource to maintain an open dialog with landowners and host communities to find appropriate solutions to concerns and issues that remain.

“The addition of approximately 60 miles of underground lines around some environmentally sensitive tourism areas of our state, the use of new technology to reduce the height of transmission structures and minimize view impacts, and Eversource’s commitment to provide additional benefits to communities hosting the project combine to make this a project that is good for our state.

“New Hampshire faces a major energy challenge that is putting a drag on our economy. I hear concerns expressed daily from electric customers about the impacts this is having on their small businesses and family budgets. The development of the Northern Pass project is an important step toward addressing this problem and, and in providing our citizens much needed reductions in electricity costs.”

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