

Town of Richmond

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August 17, 2015

Senator Kelly Ayotte
1200 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101-2503

Re: Town of Richmond NH Opposes Proposed Reroute of the NED Pipeline through Richmond residential area, in place of original plan to go through vacant logging land

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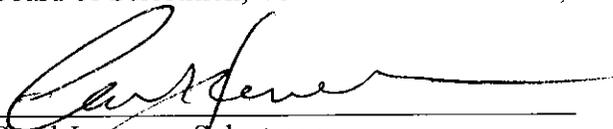
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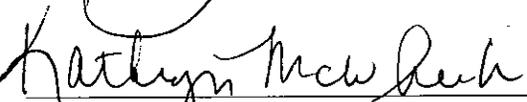
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12 Gilbo Ave., Suite C
Keene, NH
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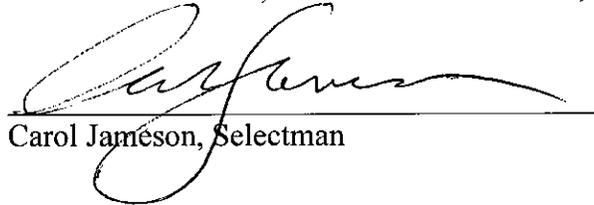
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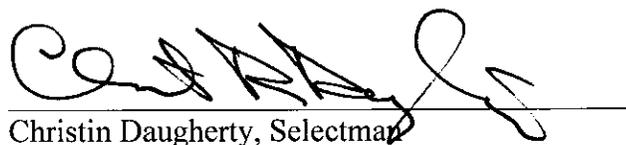
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Governor Maggie Hassan
State House, Office of the Governor
107 North Maine St.
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Town of Richmond NH Opposes Proposed Reroute of the NED Pipeline through Richmond residential area, in place of original plan to go through vacant logging land

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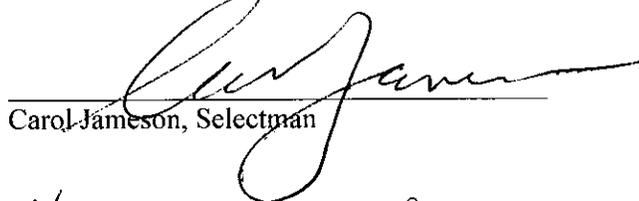
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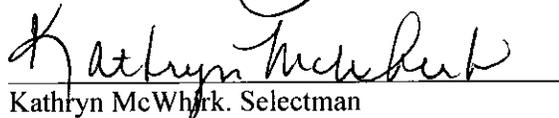
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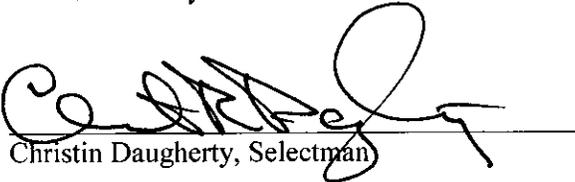
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Andy Sanborn
State House, Room 302
107 North Maine St.
Concord, NH 03301

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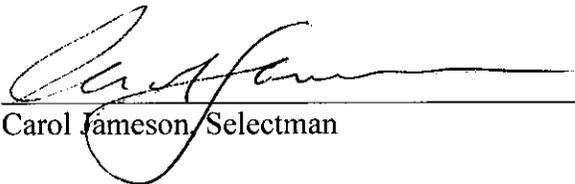
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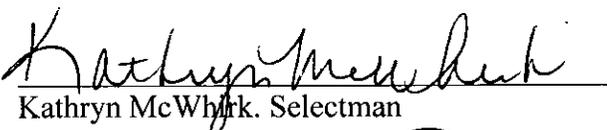
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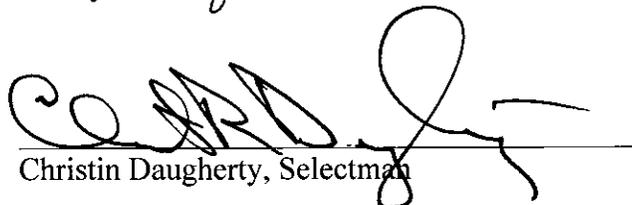
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18 North Main Street, 4th floor
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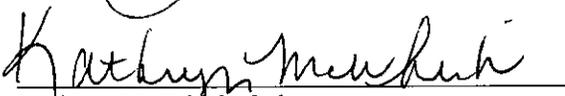
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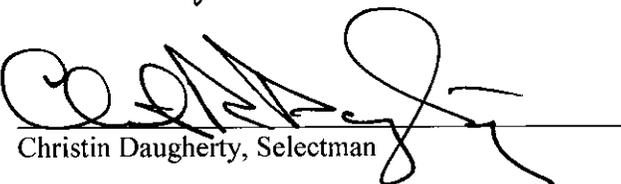
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Town of Richmond NH Opposes Proposed Reroute of the NED Pipeline through Richmond residential area, in place of original plan to go through vacant logging land Docket PF 14 – 22, Comment of Richmond NH Board of Selectmen

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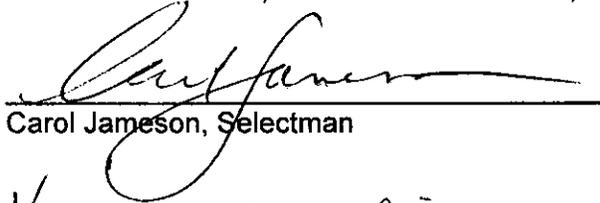
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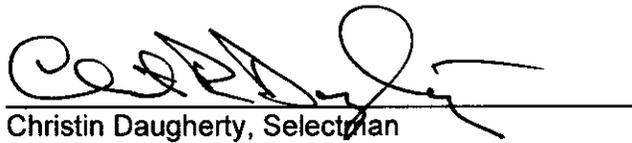
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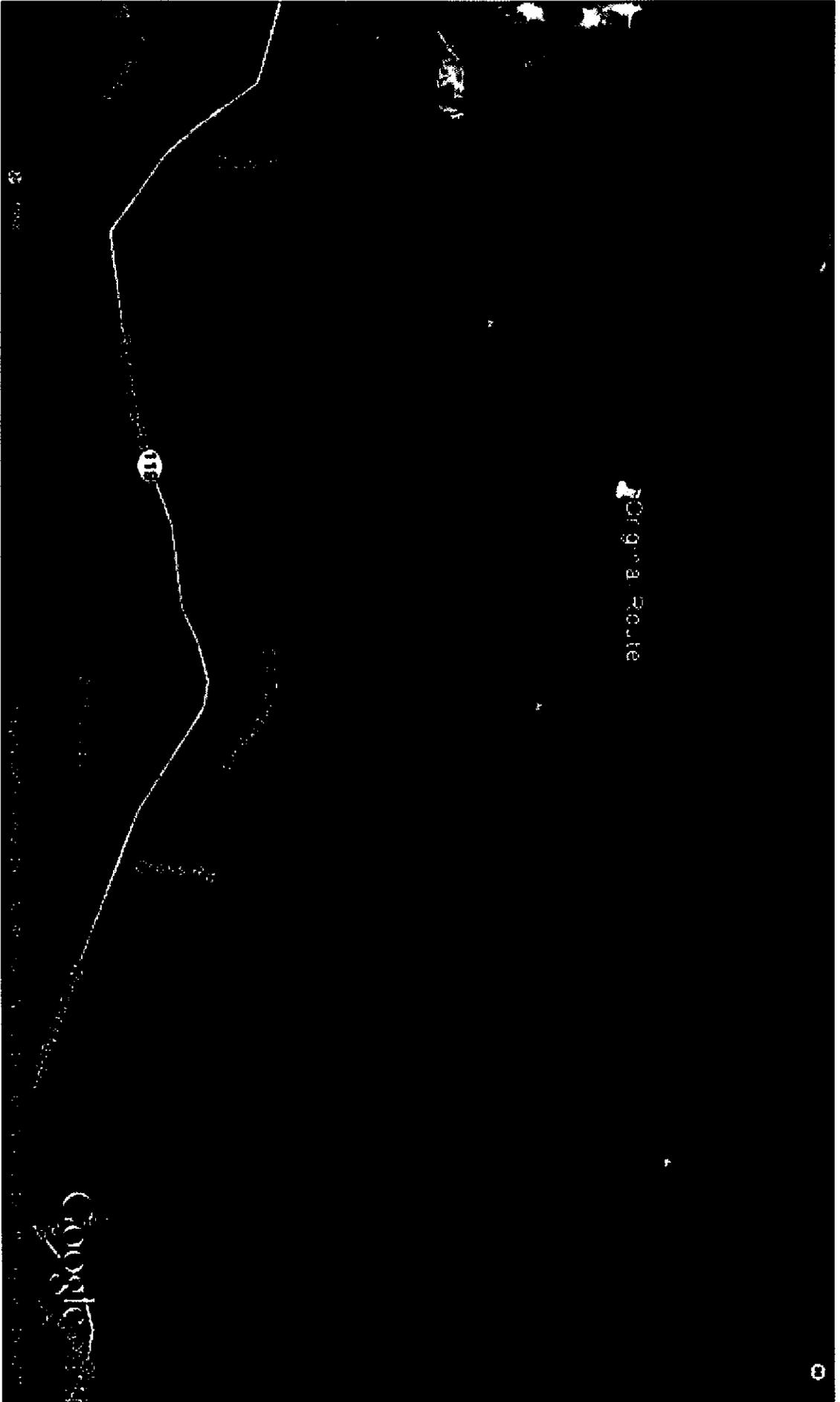


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