

Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce

2014 Public Opinion Survey – Northern Pass Questions

1. **“How familiar are you with an electrical transmission project called the Northern Pass project? Would you say you are very familiar with it ... somewhat familiar ... not very familiar ... or not at all familiar? ”**

1 VERY FAMILIAR
2 SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
3 NOT VERY FAMILIAR
4 NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR
98 DON'T KNOW/NEVER HEARD OF (VOLUNTEERED)
99 NA/REFUSED

2. **“Based on what you have seen or heard, would you say you support or oppose the Northern Pass project?”**
“Is that strongly or just somewhat?”

1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
3 NEUTRAL/ DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY (VOLUNTEERED)
4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
98 DON'T KNOW/NEVER HEARD OF (VOLUNTEERED)
* 99 NA/REFUSED

3. **“Unlike most transmission projects, The Northern Pass project is a privately funded transmission line being developed without taxpayer subsidies. It will bring renewable hydroelectric power from Canada into New Hampshire. The transmission lines will run mostly within existing rights of way; in other words, where other power lines are already located.**

“Based on what you have heard, does this make you more or less likely to support the Northern Pass project or does this make no difference in your opinion?”

1 MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT
2 LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT
3 MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
98 DON'T KNOW
99 NA/REFUSED

4. "Some have raised concerns about the visual impact the Northern Pass transmission lines will have on New Hampshire's landscape and recommend burying the entire transmission line. Doing so would cost roughly 5 to 10 times more than stringing the lines overhead and these expenses could be paid for by residents and businesses through their monthly electric bill."

"Do you favor or oppose Northern Pass burying its entire transmission line or don't you know enough about this to say?"

IF FAVOR "Would you be willing to pay more in your electricity bill to pay for it?"

- 1 FAVOR, WILLING TO PAY MORE
- 2 FAVOR, NOT WILLING TO PAY MORE
- 3 OPPOSE
- 98 DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY
- 99 NA/REFUSED

5. "New England's energy grid is now reliant on natural gas to produce the majority of the electricity powering our homes and businesses. This winter, limited pipeline capacity and frigid temperatures has led to high natural gas prices, increasing demand and raising prices for heat and electricity in New Hampshire.

"This reliance on natural gas and rising prices has led to many calling for additional energy sources to stabilize prices and diversify the state's energy sources. What about you ... do you support or oppose the state of New Hampshire adding energy sources other than natural gas or don't you know enough about this to say?"

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEUTRAL
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 98 DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY
- 99 NA/REFUSED

6. "Recently, all six New England Governors announced their support for building a new natural gas pipeline into the region to address the issues with pipeline capacity and high prices. Unlike energy projects that are privately funded, this pipeline would be paid for by residents and businesses through their monthly electric bill.

"Based on what you have heard, would you support or oppose this pipeline project or don't you know enough about this to say?"

IF FAVOR "Would you be willing to pay more in your electricity bill to pay for it?"

- 1 FAVOR, WILLING TO PAY MORE
- 2 FAVOR, NOT WILLING TO PAY MORE
- 3 OPPOSE
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 NA/REFUSED