

**The U.S. Department of Energy's "public scoping period" for The Northern Pass project began on February 11, 2011 and will continue through April 12, 2011.** This is an important opportunity for interested parties to participate in the DOE's scoping process, both to help define the environmental issues to be analyzed in connection with the project's application and to identify the range of reasonable alternatives.

## How to Participate

There are two ways to participate in the public scoping process for The Northern Pass:

### ► Attend a Public Scoping Meeting

The scoping meetings will be structured in two parts. The first part will be an informal workshop/open house (approximately 30 minutes) prior to the receipt of oral presentations to allow for people who did not pre-register to sign up to speak, as well as for the public to view any project displays from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as The Northern Pass. The second part of the meeting will be a formal commenting session, which will be transcribed by a court stenographer.

To be given priority in the speaking order during the commenting session, submit a request to the DOE as soon as possible to speak at one or more of the meetings. This is critical, since many people are expected to attend, and time for comments is limited at each meeting. The deadline for submitting requests to speak is March 11, 2011.

Requests to speak can be emailed to [Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov), faxed to 202-586-8008, or mailed to Brian Mills, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

### Scoping Meeting Schedule

**Pembroke:** Pembroke Academy cafeteria, 209 Academy Road, Monday, March 14, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Franklin:** Franklin Opera House, 316 Central Street, Tuesday, March 15, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Lincoln:** The Mountain Club on Loon, Hancock Room, 90 Loon Mountain Road, Wednesday, March 16, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Whitefield:** Mountain View Grand Hotel and Resort, Presidential Room, 101 Mountain View Road, Thursday, March 17, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Plymouth:** Plymouth State University, Silver Center, 114 Main Street, Friday, March 18, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Colebrook:** Colebrook Elementary School, 27 Dumont Street, Saturday, March 19, 1 – 4 p.m.

**North Haverhill:** Haverhill Cooperative Middle School, 175 Morrill Drive, Sunday March 20, 1 – 4 p.m.

### ► Submit Written Comments

You can provide written comments to the DOE any time during the public scoping period, either electronically or by paper copy. Emails and written comments to the DOE must be sent and/or postmarked by April 12, 2011.

Written comments can be submitted through the DOE website for the project at [www.northernpasseis.us](http://www.northernpasseis.us), emailed to [Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov), faxed to 202-586-8008, or mailed to Brian Mills, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight by the DOE.

For additional information on the public scoping process, visit the "get involved" section of the DOE project website at <http://northernpasseis.us>. General information about the project is available at: <http://northernpass.us>.