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GRANITE STATE POLL SHOWS RECORD OPPOSITION TO NORTHERN PASS

Opposition to Northern Pass among New Hampshire residents is at an all-time high, according to a new Granite State Poll.

The poll by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center found that 47 percent of respondents opposed the proposed electrical transmission line, the highest level recorded since polling began on this question in 2011 and the fifth consecutive increase in opposition.

Only 27 percent expressed support, a record low in approval rating. Support for Northern Pass in this poll has greatly declined over the past five years; dropping 20 percentage points.

The remaining 25 percent polled were neutral or expressed no opinion.

“Overall, support for Northern Pass has fallen since February while opposition has continued to increase,” said Andrew E. Smith, director of the UNH Survey Center. “Particularly striking is the intensity of opposition: those who strongly oppose the project now outnumber those who somewhat or strongly support it. And while there remains a gap between Republicans, Independents, and Democrats in New Hampshire, opposition to Northern Pass has increased among all three groups over the past two years.”

Catherine Corkery, Chapter Director of the NH Sierra Club, said the results are just the latest indication of the lack of support for Northern Pass.

“These numbers support what opponents of the project have been saying for years: Northern Pass is not wanted throughout the Granite State,” Corkery said. “Stretching out the failed Northern Pass project appeal will further burden the courts, the state, the property owners,

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and the ratepayers who somewhere down the line will be left holding the bag. When will Eversource understand that no means no?"

Corkery said the strong opposition numbers in the poll, as well as the recent unanimous rejection of the Northern Pass application by the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee, make it clear that it is time for Eversource to admit defeat on this fundamentally flawed project.

The telephone poll of 505 residents was conducted from July 9-Aug. 1. It has a margin of error of 4.4 percent.

For more information on the opposition to Northern Pass, visit www.notonorthernpass.com.

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