Abstract

The proposed Northern Pass Project is a 187-mile high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line that would carry up to 1,200 megawatts (MW) of electricity across the Canadian border through the state of New Hampshire. This energy will be generated from hydroelectric power from Hydro-Quebec. I will focus this research on the public scoping period in the Department of Energy’s Environmental Impact Statement development from November 11, 2010 to December 2013. There are over 7,700 total comments, and I have collected a sample of 506 comments that I have analyzed based on content and geography. The Northern Pass Project incorporates energy policy and public participation as it relates to the environmental decision-making process.