

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

We write to express our support for the Twin States Clean Energy Link (Twin States) application being considered by the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office as part of the Transmission Facilitation Program. This project will bring 1,200 MW of clean power from Canada into New England's grid and provide new opportunities for renewable energy projects in New Hampshire and the region to connect to the system, contributing to economic development and emissions reductions.

Preserving our state's natural beauty and environment—from the White Mountains to the Connecticut River—is crucial for any project of this scale, as is providing meaningful opportunities for input to towns and those who live along the route. The proposed Twin States Project has taken several key steps to reduce visual and environmental impacts by burying cable along state roads, utilizing current transmission corridors and re-using existing structures. The project sponsors have also worked with residents and stakeholders to address concerns and understand the needs of local communities.

This project will bring jobs to New Hampshire starting with the construction phase of the project and later through regular maintenance. The Twin States project pledges to work with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) to ensure that it is built by highly qualified, union workers in the communities through which it passes. We are glad to see this project support the clean energy industry.

We appreciate your review and urge your full and fair consideration of the Twin States Clean Energy Link application.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator



Chris Pappas
Member of Congress



Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress