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2 **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

3 Q. Please state your name and property address.

4 A. Jeff and Vivian Miller, 297 Durham Point Road, Durham, NH 03824

5 Q. Please state your status in this docket.

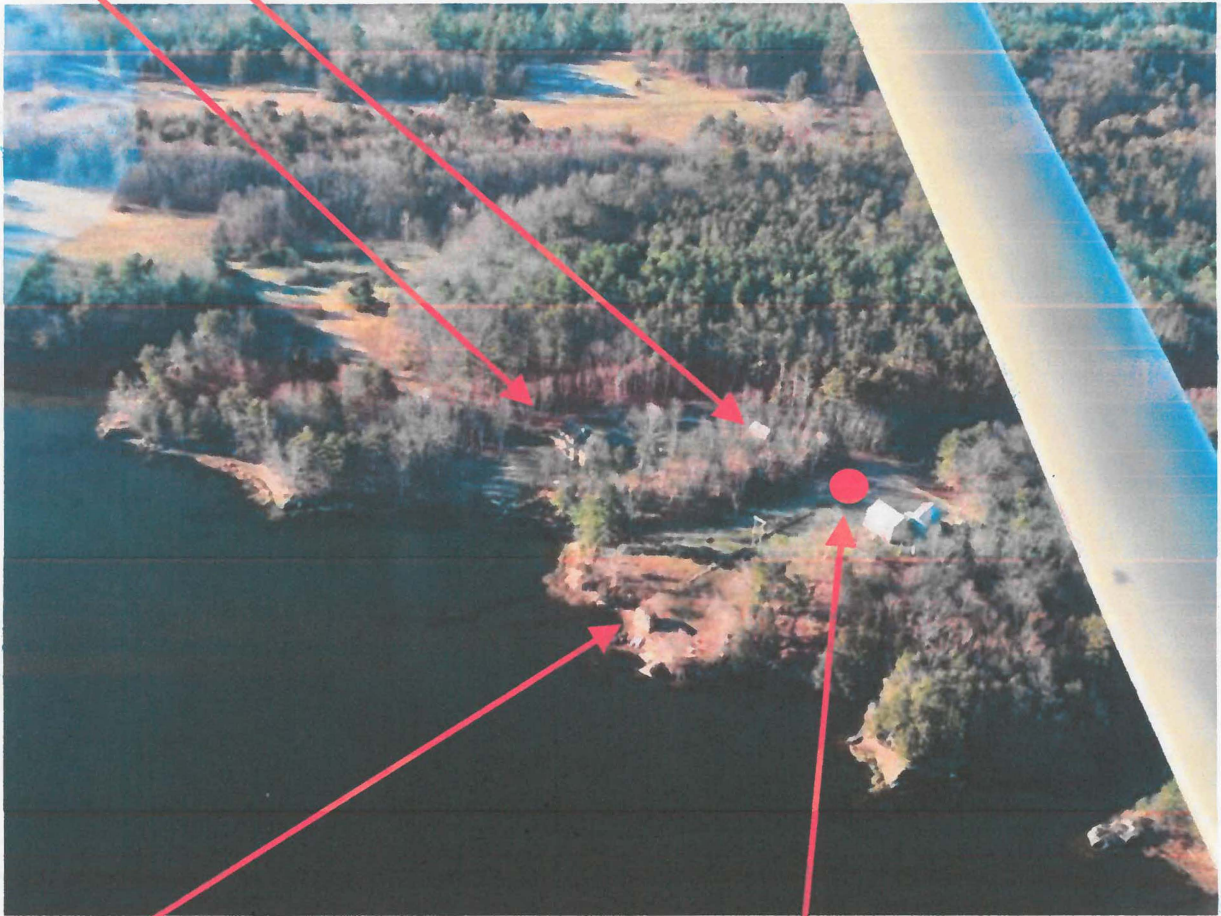
6 A. We were granted intervenor status in this docket along with our neighbors. The SEC
7 referred to us as part of the Durham Point/Little Bay Abutters group and then later, the Durham
8 Residents. Our participation was not limited except that in "order to avoid duplicative arguments
9 and to ensure the prompt and orderly development of these proceedings, [our] participation in
10 this docket [was] combined [with the Durham Residents] for the purposes of presentation of
11 evidence, argument, cross-examination, and other participation." Order on Petitions to
12 Intervene, dated August 24, 2016, at page 10.

13 **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

14 Q. Please briefly describe the location of your property.

15 A. Our property is down a half mile deeded driveway from Durham Point RD and sits on
16 Little Bay on approximately 1 ½ acres. Our property has a dock with 100 Ft of frontage directly
17 on Little Bay. It is directly adjacent to Eversource's ROW easement and proposed Little Bay
18 crossing. Please see the following pictures:

Our Home & Garage



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ROW

Proposed Transition

Our Home on Little Bay



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Proposed concrete mattresses



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Q. Please describe any unique characteristics of your property.

1 A. Our property is in a very secluded setting $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the main road, surrounded by 68
2 acres of conservation land, historic landmarks, forests and Little Bay. We built our home just
3 over 3 years ago. Our deeded driveway is shared by only one other home that Eversource
4 purchased from Will Getschell. We have a dock, kayaks and a boat that we use on a regular
5 basis. The dock and access to the water is parallel to the proposed cable installation and
6 crossing.

7 Q. Are you familiar with the Eversource's Seacoast Reliability Project?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Please describe Eversource's easement in relation to your property.

10 A. The ROW easement runs along our deeded $\frac{1}{2}$ mile dirt driveway, crosses the driveway
11 and runs parallel to our property line into Little Bay. This line and cable crossing in Little Bay
12 has been inactive for over 20 years. The original Cable House is now a Historic building.

13 Q. Please describe what utility structures you see on the easement.

14 A. The existing, inactive wooden distribution poles that are shielded from our view by trees.

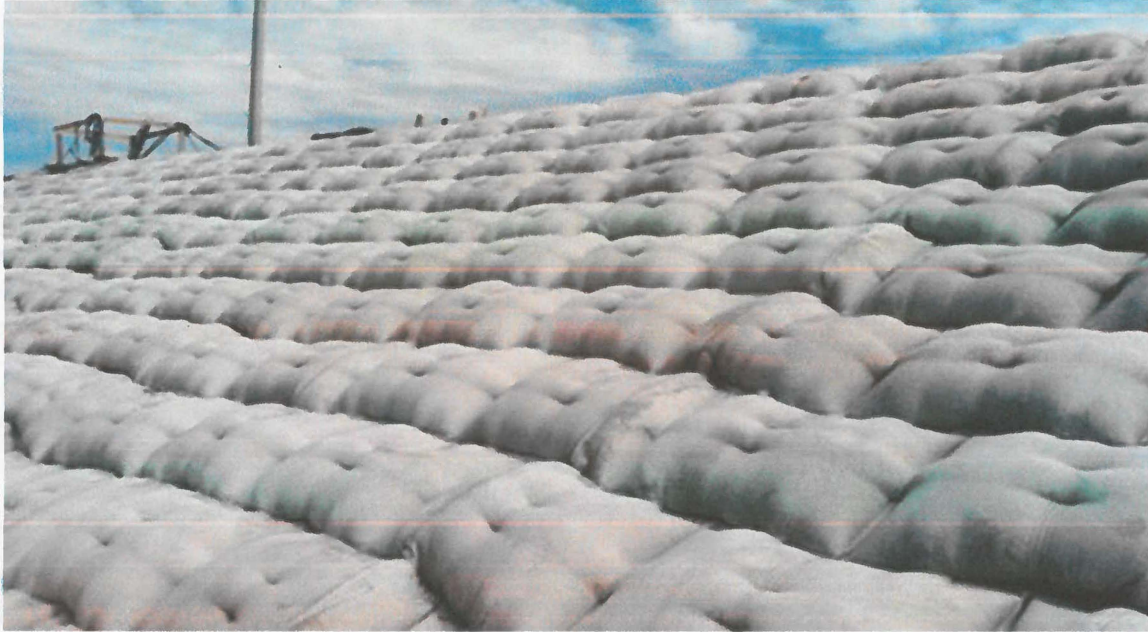
15 **SUMMARY OF CONCERNS**

16 Q. Please summarize your concerns about the impact of the proposed Project.

17 A. 1. Permanent damage to the health of Little Bay from Jet Plowing, Hand Jetting and its
18 impact on our property and the enjoyment of Little Bay.

19 2. Concrete mattresses impacts to eco system adjacent to our property, negative visual
20 impacts from our property and boating hazards to us as the tide lowers. There have been no
21 visual simulations provided showing concrete mattresses at low tide and their distance from the
22 shoreline.

Example of concrete mattresses



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Example of failed concrete mattress



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1 3. The transition pole will be at the entrance to our property where currently nothing
2 exists. Due to its increased size and proximity to our property it will be clearly visible from the
3 edge of our property on Little Bay and from our house. Additionally, the existing tree line
4 between our property and the new Transmission line will be removed.



**Proposed Transition Pole, New
Location at Entrance to Our
Driveway, picture provided by
Eversource**

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6 4. Noise from the power line: we have been assured there will be no noise. What are our
7 options for remedies if there is noise from the Transmission line?

Current view of our driveway

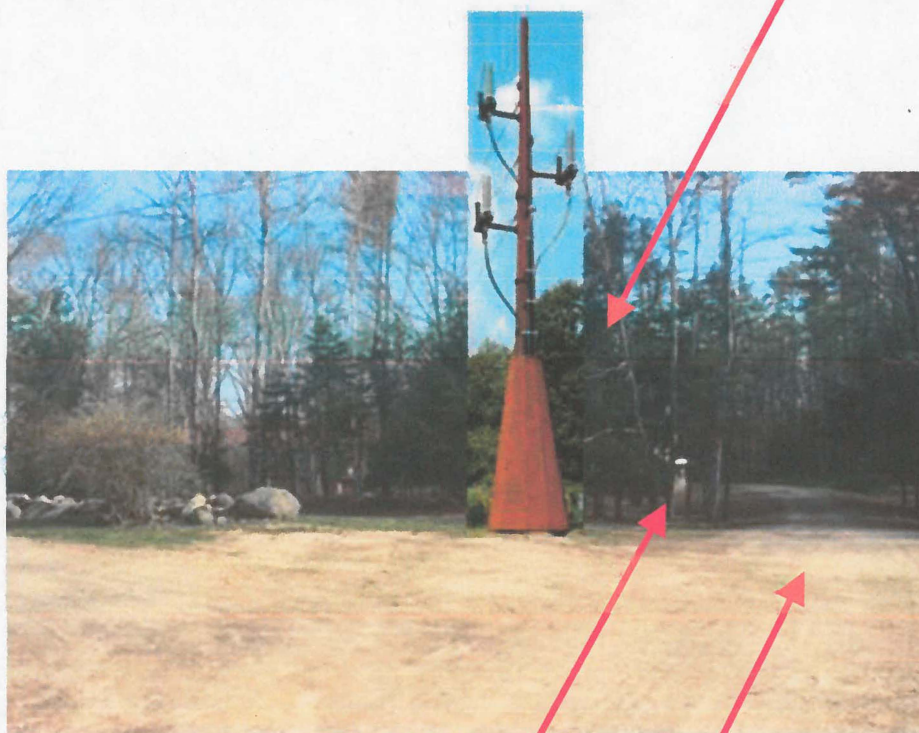


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New transition pole location

Tree Clearing



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Existing garage

Driveway

1 5. Appropriate replanting of trees and shrubs

2 6. Access to our driveway during construction.

3 7. We have a deeded right of way driveway that was designed for two residential homes.

4 Commercial trucks will now be using the driveway to deliver, install and stage significant
5 equipment and machinery. The road has two culverts that will be under heavier stress during
6 construction. We are concerned with damage, deterioration and access during construction.

7 8. We are concerned with how Eversource will maintain our road and repair any damage
8 during and after installation.

9 9. In the event Eversource uses blasting techniques within the easement, we are
10 concerned about damage to our home and request inspections be done before and after
11 construction of the Project.

12 10. If damage is done to the driveway or to our home what process will be in place to
13 correct damage?

14 11. We are concerned about problems that arise during construction and communication
15 regarding a calendar of work to be completed, hours of construction and emergency contact
16 numbers.

17 12. We are concerned with the tree clearing details on the easement during construction
18 and specific plans after construction to shield our home and driveway from view of the
19 Transmission line.

20 13. We are concerned with the concrete mattresses and the cable laying methods
21 impeding our access to boating and kayaking.

22 14. We are concerned with damage to our shoreline, dock and boat.

23 **ADVERSE IMPACT OF PROJECT ON YOUR PROPERTY**

1 Q. Do you have other concerns about the Project's impact on your property or the enjoyment
2 of your property?

3 A. The privacy and pristine nature of our surroundings will be changed forever.

4 Q. Has Eversource offered mitigation measures to address your concerns?

5 A. They have shown us renderings of potential plantings around the new Transition pole.

6 Q. Would this satisfy your concerns?

7 A. Absolutely not. The plantings proposed are inadequate and will not minimize the impact
8 of the Transition pole.

9 Q. Do you have concerns regarding post-Project restoration?

10 A. Yes, as stated above.

11 Q. What provision would you like put in place to protect against road damage, road access,
12 tree removal, blasting, construction equipment and shoreline damage?

13 A. An MOU/Conditions of construction established prior to project approval between us
14 and Eversource.

15 ***ADVANCED NOTICE OF CREWS ON PROPERTY AND ACCESS***

16 Q. Please explain why you are concerned about prior notification regarding construction
17 schedules?

18 A. This is a very secluded area we think it is important to know who is coming and going
19 and when.

20 ***ACCESS TO OTHER PORTIONS OF PROPERTY DURING CONSTRUCTION***

21 Q. Do you have a concern that you won't be able to access your property during
22 construction of the project?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. Please explain.

2 A. The dirt driveway is narrow and the staging of equipment will require a great deal of
3 space.

4 **SOUNDS**

5 Q. You stated that you are concerned about the increased sound coming from the Project,
6 please explain.

7 A. Trucks, tree clearing, blasting and a multitude of equipment.

8 **EXISTING POLE LOCATIONS AND VIEW**

9 Q. Has the location of the Eversource right of way easement changed on your property from
10 the time you first purchased your property?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Have the structures, including poles and wires, within the easement changed since the
13 time you first purchased the property?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Can you see the easement from your home?

16 A. Yes, however it is currently shielded by trees

17 Q. Can you see the existing poles from your home?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Can you see the existing wires from your home?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Can you see the existing poles from the yard around your home?

22 A. No

23 Q. Can you see the existing wires from the yard around your home?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Can you see the existing poles from the woods around your home?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Can you see the existing wires from the woods around your home?

5 A. Yes

6 **PROPOSED POLE LOCATIONS**

7 Q. Do you have any concerns or objections to the poles in the proposed locations?

8 A. Yes, it will be at the entrance to our driveway and seen from an accessory garage. There
9 will be a negative impact to our property value; this can be eliminated however by continuing the
10 transmission line underground an additional 100' to the other side of the driveway.

11 Q. When you purchased your property, were you concerned that there was an electrical
12 easement near your property.

13 A. No, because it had been inactive for over 20 years.

14 **SCREENING**

15 Q. Can you presently see your neighbor's house across the easement from your home?

16 A. No

17 Q. After the Project is constructed, will you be able to see your neighbor's home?

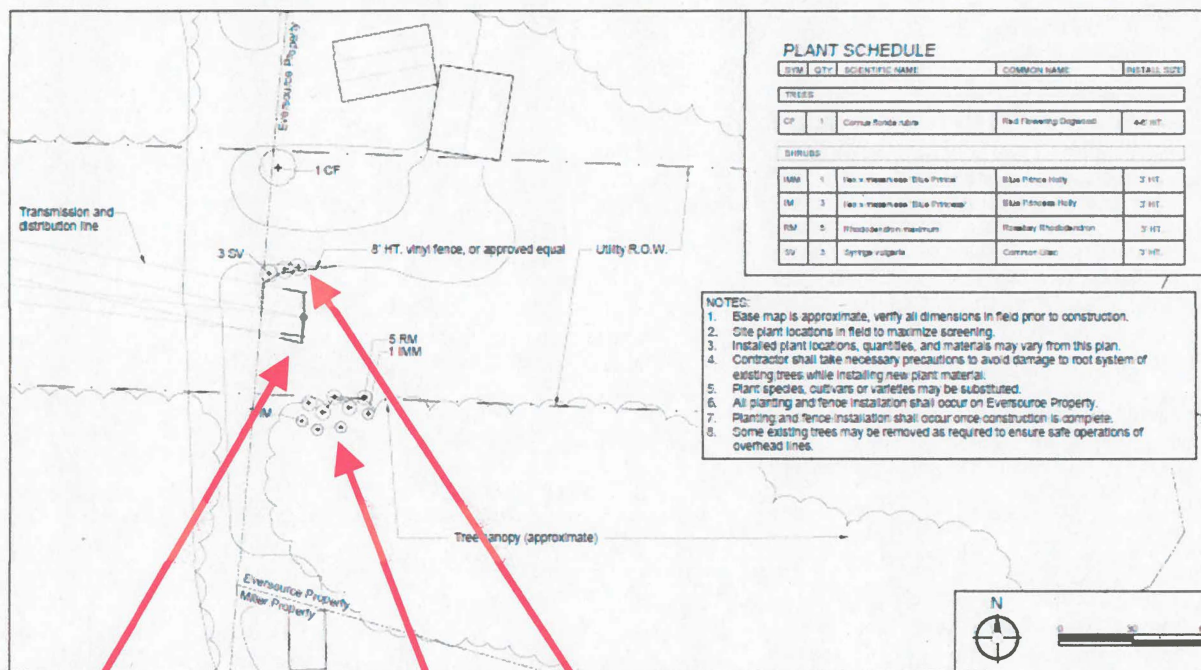
18 A. Yes

19 Q. Has Eversource offered to mitigate the ability to see its poles and wires from your home?

20 A. No

21 Q. Please explain what Eversource offered for screening.

1 A. Eversource proposed screening of transition pole:



2 **Transition pole, our garage, 3' shrubs and 8' vinyl fence**

4 Q. Do you have concerns regarding the proposed screening?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Please describe your concerns.

7 A. It was proposed without knowing the final size and Type of pole. Shielding an 80' to
8 90' pole with an eight-foot-high vinyl fence seems inadequate.

9 Q. Do you have suggestions regarding the screening?

10 A. Not until we better understand the exact location and what would work best to shield the
11 base and height.

12 IMPACTS TO PROPERTY VALUE

13 Q. Have you read the pre-filed testimony and report of James Chalmers?

14 A. Yes.

1 Q. Does he state in his testimony that he identified 19 properties whose value is potentially
2 affected?

3 A. Yes, on page 12, lines 11 through 15, he states that but I am not sure if my property is
4 included in that total because it was not shown on the maps prepared by Eversource. Mr.
5 Chalmers goes on to state that some of those 19 properties may or may not experience a market
6 value effect.

7 Q. Were there criteria in Mr. Chalmer's testimony that found conditions affecting the sale
8 and price of a home?

9 A. Yes. His research stated that adverse market effects were found when a home was
10 located close to the right of way (i.e., 100 feet from the house to the edge of the right of way) and
11 clear visibility of the High Voltage Transmission Line ("HVTL"). He further stated that the
12 market effect usually ranged from 1 to 6 percent, although he did not give the actual range in his
13 testimony. Chalmers at page 3, lines 11 through 13; Chalmers at page 5; Chalmers at page 12
14 lines 4 through 6; and Chalmers at page 6 lines 13 through 15.

15 Q. Why did you find these criteria relevant?

16 A. Both criteria apply to our home. Our home is approximately 85 feet from the easement
17 and our freestanding garage is approximately 55 feet from the easement, so it is well within the
18 100-foot range he cites. We will also now have clear visibility of at least one pole and the wires,
19 which meets his "clear visibility" criteria. For these reasons, we believe our property falls within
20 the two characteristics he found as causing sale price impacts .

21 Q. Has Eversource proposed a method or means of valuing and compensating homeowners
22 for sale price impacts?

23 A. Not to our knowledge.

1 **CONCLUSION**

2 In conclusion, we would expect our listed concerns and remedies to be addressed as specific
3 “Conditions of Construction” in the final permit. These conditions would include loss of property
4 value due to pole placement closer to our property and home, repairs and maintenance to the ½
5 mile deeded driveway, all SRP related damage to our home (i.e. from blasting, tree removal,
6 staging of construction equipment), dock and driveway during and after construction, and
7 appropriate landscaping and plantings to be done after construction and Eversource’s specific
8 liability should damage be done or restoration required.

9 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

10 A. Yes.