



GREATER DERRY | LONDONDERRY
Chamber of Commerce

Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
29 Hazen Dr.
Concord, NH 03301

December 10, 2015

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

On behalf of the more than 325 member businesses of the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, the organization's Board of Directors urges the Site Evaluation Committee to approve Eversource Energy and National Grid's permit application for the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project (MVRP).

The MVRP is a proposed new overhead 345 kV line in 24.5 miles of existing rights-of-way, 18 miles of which run through the New Hampshire towns of Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, and Pelham. The MVRP is part of the Greater Boston and New Hampshire Solution. This suite of transmission projects answers an urgent need identified by New England's independent system operator, ISO-New England, to strengthen the area's electric system in response to forecasted load growth and aging infrastructure. Earlier this year, ISO-New England selected the MVRP as the preferred solution to address the area's reliability needs.

With the continuing expansion of Interstate 93 and the forthcoming construction of Exit 4A, the opening of Pettengill Road and access to 1,000 acres of developable land near Manchester-Boston Regional Airport in Londonderry, and the build-out of the large scale Woodmont Commons planned unit development in Londonderry, as well as the forecasted growth at Exit 3 in Windham, the greater Derry-Londonderry region's future economic development prospects are contingent upon reliable and affordable electricity.

It is for this primary reason we encourage the Site Evaluation Committee to approve Eversource Energy and National Grid's permit application for the MVRP.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Regards,



Will Stewart
President

cc: Eversource Energy, National Grid

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