

## Deerfield Abutting Property Owners

March 28, 2016

Dear Ms. Monroe and Chairman Honigsberg:

At the SEC Pre Conference Hearing of March 22, several Deerfield intervenors discussed with other Southern ROW Abutters also present that day, the desire of Deerfield residents along the ROW to be considered a separate group. This was also raised as a possible configuration publically by the spokesperson of the day for the group when polled by the Presiding Officer.

The Deerfield residents listed below respectfully request the SEC Committee allow for Deerfield Abutters to the ROW be a separate group. Many of us have been working together as a group since the announcement of NPT project in 2010. Please consider the fact that we are willing to comply with the request to be grouped for purposes of data requests and other discovery methods. Even though most Deerfield intervenors are willing to be grouped, those within the Deerfield group may submit individual testimony, secure their own expert witnesses, hire individual or group legal counsel, participate in technical sessions or be afforded other opportunities to participate fully in the preceding as they are not wanting to relinquish individual standing in the SEC process by agreeing to be grouped. We believe this was an understanding stated at the prehearing conference.

We are willing to collaborate as a group and act accordingly before the SEC committee to the best of our ability. We do however envision our group functioning and participating more like a committee. We find the requirement of one person acting as a spokesperson at any one time for the whole Deerfield group complicated primarily by concerns about liabilities. We do envision one or more persons however, spearheading a particular issue and participating more actively in a specific topic or area of expertise to alleviate the concern of duplication, delays, or overburdening this complicated process with any semblance of repetition within our Deerfield Abutter ROW group.

Our reasons for requesting a Deerfield ROW Abutter group are as follows:

- Of the 31 towns on the ROW, the magnitude and complexity of the impact of NPT (as proposed) incurred by Deerfield will be among the highest. A second substation will be constructed and built adjacent to the current substation.
- Deerfield has significant wetlands and sensitive natural areas, many of which are under conservation easement, in the ROW that will be severely threatened by damage and diminishment caused by NPT.
- Deerfield has 14 abutting property owners who are intervenors. The number of intervenors dominates the Southern Abutters group to which it was assigned. It makes

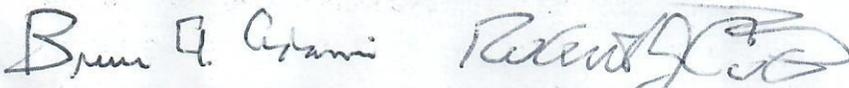
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more sense for Deerfield abutters to stand together as a separate group. This will facilitate a higher degree of efficiency and effectiveness than would be possible if Deerfield abutter property owners remained in the original assigned group.

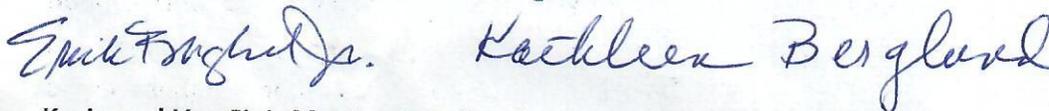
- We share a common concern regarding loss of property values.
- Deerfield has one registered Historic District and one area identified as a potential Rural Historic District. These are areas of concern and work for this group.

Thank you for considering this request.

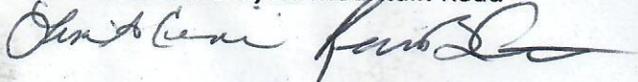
Bruce Adami and Robert Cote; 32 Mountain Road



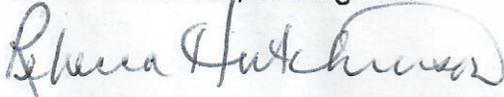
Erick and Kathleen Berglund; 23 Nottingham Road



Kevin and Lisa Cini; 20 Mountain Road



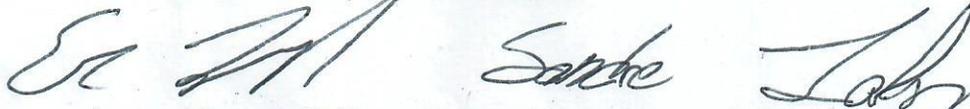
Rebecca Hutchinson; 30 Lang Road



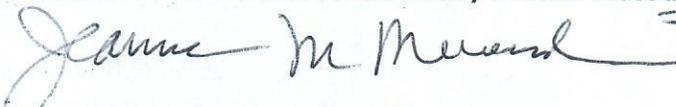
Torin and Brian Judd; 96A Mount Delight Road



Eric and Sandra Lahr; 11/13 North Road



Jeanne Menard; 36 Mountain Road for the Menard Forest Family Limited Trust and



For Peter Menard and Anne Burnett of 65 Nottingham Road