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**Re: SEC Docket 2015-04, Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project--Town of  
Newington Objection to Notification of Termination of Eversource's Dispute  
Resolution Process and Returning of Trust Funds to Eversource**

Dear Messrs. Goldner and Scott:

The Town of Newington Selectmen and Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert have asked me to relay their objection to the termination of the Dispute Resolution Process and the Return of the Trust Funds to Eversource because Eversource utilized a certain type of flowable fill in conjunction with certain excavation work that Eversource did relating to the installation of underground power lines. These materials had the effect of inordinately raising the PH levels in area water. Eversource returned last summer and removed the flowable fill that had been installed on the Vietas's property, but it was left in place everywhere else where the underground power lines had been installed.

The Town understands that the PH levels were so high (12) that it kills the plant life that it came into contact with. The Town understands the same PH damage impacts also occurred in Durham. What the Town needs assurance about from Eversource and NH DES is that the use of the high PH flowable fill product will cause no long term impacts upon private or Town owned properties in Town. Given the damage that can occur, to project property owners and the Town, it is suitable to continue to maintain both the Dispute Resolution Process and the Trust Funds to project property owners from the same type of damage that has already occurred.

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Denis Hebert, Planning Board Chair  
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