

July 22, 2016

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Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-04, Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire dba Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New 115kV Transmission Line from the Madbury Substation to the Portsmouth Substation

**Petition to Intervene as Property Owner at 220 Longmarsh Road
Durham, NH 03824**

Donna Heald McCosker of 220 Longmarsh Road, Durham, NH 03824, respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee for approval to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding under New Hampshire RSA 541-A:32.

In support of this petition, I represent that: On April 12,, 2015 the Committee received an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility from Eversource for the construction of a new 115kV Transmission Line from the Madbury Substation to the Portsmouth Substation, The Seacoast Reliability Project. The Committee accepted the application as administratively complete on June 1, 2016.

The proposed Seacoast Reliability Project described in the Application will be located in the Towns of Madbury, Durham, Newington and the City of Portsmouth. A portion of the Project will run through my property at 220 Longmarsh Road, Durham, NH 03824, where a 34 ½ kV power line currently exists.

RSA 541-A:32, provides that the Commission shall grant a petition to intervene if, among other things, the petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's "rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding," and the Commission "determines that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention."

I, Donna Heald McCosker, have a substantial interest that will be affected by this proceeding, because a portion of the Project, 2 poles proposed, will pass through my property at 220 Longmarsh Road, Durham, NH. While I have met on numerous occasions with Eversource Outreach personnel, arborists, engineers and a landscape architect to try to resolve the issues being presented as the Project is proposed, no suitable solutions have been reached as of this writing. I am hopeful that they will be.

The areas of concern are, but not limited to: 1. My 12 ft. dug well sits on one edge of the easement with my house on the other side and a long, diagonal water line connecting the two. I have concerns that my well and/or water line will be damaged or destroyed with this new construction. 2. The current proposed location of the pole closest to Longmarsh Road (#90) is being located at the closest possible distance to my house of any location along the entire easement of approximately 720 feet according to Eversource personnel at the meeting in Newington last evening. There has been some indication that said pole could be moved 35 to 50 ft. Since the entire tree line buffer which currently

exists will be removed and the contour of the land drops off significantly in this area on both sides of the easement the proposed location of this pole is unacceptable. I have requested that the new poles be constructed on my property where the current poles already exist. 3. The growing portion of my design/gardening business is conducted on the easement. Currently this consists of three small greenhouses and a large area of benches with perennials, annuals, small trees and shrubs, some in pots and some planted directly in the ground. This is my livelihood. I cannot be put out of business. In addition, the removal of lower growing trees (specifically Cedar Trees, which have been topped rather than cut down during regularly scheduled maintenance) would leave my business exposed to the road and would be unacceptable. This growth under the power lines provides privacy and shields my business from the road. Without it my business will be vulnerable to theft. I have been told by the Eversource arborist that these trees would remain, but I do believe with the pole position as it is currently proposed most would have to be removed for construction. 4. I have been told that trees and shrubs will be replanted where buffers are destroyed in order to clear the easement to its full 100 ft. In looking over the planting guide provided by Eversource, it appears there are no trees that will become tall enough to actually create a buffer that cannot be looked over the top of, especially where the contour of the land drops off and the trees being cut down are taller than the existing 34 ½ kV poles.

As noted above, my rights, duties, privileges or substantial interests as a property owner may be affected by the proceeding as proposed. The interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding will not be impaired by the granting of this Petition to Intervene. Therefore I respectfully request that the Committee grant me intervenor status in the proceeding and grant such other relief as the Committee deems just and equitable.

A copy of this Petition is being sent to all listed on your E-Mail Addresses for SEC 2015-04. A hard copy of this petition is also being mailed to the address above as requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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