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RE: SEC Docket No. 2015-04 Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project

Motion for Review or Reconsideration of Order of Intervention

Donna Heald McCosker having been granted intervenor status as part of the group designated Durham Residents respectfully requests designation as a single intervenor.

While all Durham Residents in this group reside on Durham Point, the Heald McCosker property at 220 Longmarsh Road is not contiguous with the other properties and the substantial interest that will be affected by this proceeding is different from the other residents.

Donna Heald McCosker's substantial interests are as follows:

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 plant propagation/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 subject to theft and vandalism. The cedars under the power lines provide privacy and shield my business from the road. I have been told by the Eversource arborist that these trees could remain, however with the pole position as it is currently proposed most would have to be removed for construction.
3. 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. 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.

4. Cutting trees to clear the easement to its full 100 foot width will impact the viewshed from my house, bringing the proposed power lines and poles into full view. I have been told that trees and shrubs will be replanted where buffers are destroyed. In looking over the planting guide provided by Eversource, it appears there are no trees that will become tall enough to actually create a screen 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.

Donna Heald McCosker has met numerous times with Eversource representatives including outreach personnel, an engineer, arborist and landscape architects. At the most recent meeting of September 1, 2016 a Proposed Planting Mitigation Plan was presented. While this effort is appreciated, the proposed plan is inadequate to mitigate the damage caused by the proposed project. The eight 5-foot trees and sixteen 3-foot shrubs will not block any view given the significant drop in elevation of the land in this location.

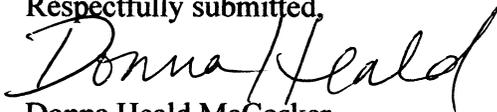
To date there have been no satisfactory proposals covering protection of my drinking water supply and the intrusive location of the new pole as compared to the currently existing pole location.

According to information presented at the SEC Public Hearings on 8/31/16 and 9/1/16 there are specific conditions which will significantly effect the value of a property: close proximity of a pole to the house; having the land divided by the easement; and having the Eversource structures fully visible. All of these conditions apply to the Heald McCosker property.

While this project may not significantly impact the entire region, the impact to my business and homestead will be dramatic. For all the stated reasons, Donna Heald McCosker respectfully requests that the SEC allow her to intervene separately from the group called Durham Residents.

Allowing Donna Heald McCosker to intervene separately would not impair the prompt conduct of the proceedings. However, intervening as a separate entity will permit consideration of the unique aspects of the Heald McCosker property in a coherent manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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