

July 23, 2015

NH Site Evaluation Committee
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Timothy W. Drew, Administrator
Public Information and Permitting Unit
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Eversource - Seacoast, SEC Docket No. 2015-04

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

The Madbury Board of Selectmen received a presentation about the Seacoast Sustainability Project from Eversource on January 9, 2015. We have not been advised of any changes to the plan within Madbury. The Board understands the need as expressed by ISO New England, and is in support of adequate infrastructure for the region's power needs. Our comments on impacts are restricted to its impacts in Madbury.

The impact in Madbury is not large and covers approximately one third of a mile along an existing ROW beside a railroad line. The proposal in Madbury appears to have given adequate consideration to wetlands in the area and the need to minimize those impacts. There will be visual impacts as higher poles provide a crossing at the railroad overpass for Madbury Road within an existing power line right-of-way. Alternatives to this impact would likely shift to other areas and not solve any issue.

The Board is available to answer any questions you may have and will remain attentive as the project proceeds.

Sincerely.

Robert Sterndale

Chair, Board of Selectmen