

NH Site Evaluation Committee, Docket No. 2015-04
RE: Application of Eversource for a Certificate of Site and Facility

July 24, 2016

Att: Pamela Monroe, Administrator

As an abutter to this proposed 115 kV electrical transmission line adjacent to my property in Durham, I would like to express my serious concerns about this project and how it will affect my property values and change the rural nature of my neighborhood.

This proposed transmission line will run directly behind my home and property located at 7 Hemlock Way, Durham. If it is constructed, as proposed above ground, on this right of way it will be painfully visible to not only myself but all of the residents of Hemlock Way and anyone enjoying UNH's scenic recreational West Foss Farm trail which runs between Hemlock Way and the proposed transmission line right of way.

As someone who has been in the construction business and Real Estate for fifty years, I am painfully aware of the financial and environmental damage projects such as this inflict on neighborhoods. The loss of property values is very real, in spite of evaluations to the contrary, and most likely well in excess of the amounts suggested by the survey paid for by Eversource. The noise and electrical interference that may be associated from these transmission lines has been well documented in the public record to say nothing of the visual impact 90' to 100' high towers will have on my views.

There are alternative methods that can be utilized with far less of an impact on me and others in my neighborhood and the West Foss Farm Trail environment. I would like to go on the record as being opposed to this particular overhead route and suggest my neighborhood and the community at large would be served by a much more environmentally sound route such as the one proposed by the application that includes an underground segment in Durham through the downtown and UNH campus of approximately 2100 feet in length. Extending this underground segment

further to encompass Hemlock Way to a point south of the town water tower would make this project much more acceptable to me and the residents of Hemlock Way, Durham.

Yours truly,

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