

## SEC COMMENTS COLLECTION

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### COMMENTERWORDS

I would just like to add my thoughts to the comments that have already been made by many other members of our community, and by our town and our counsel. Newington has done a great deal for NH, and for the Seacoast. We have hosted a US Air Force Base, two power stations, a natural gas depot. We have done our part. We are a small community, with deep historical roots, and a deep tie to the land both through our farms, and our alignment with the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

If the Seacoast needs more power, I understand. But it seems that under a 10 year time horizon, and with an expenditure over \$80M there are many ways to get that power - including distributed solar and wind, new power stations, and other routes of transmission. For \$80M dollars, Eversource could install solar on over 4000 residential rooftops. A 2 MW wind turbine costs \$3M to install - which means that for the proposed cost of this project Eversource could install 27 wind turbines, for 54MW of power - along the Seacoast where the power will be used, rather than running a transmission line through our small village.

If you must run a transmission line through Newington Village - which the citizens of our town oppose - then do it ALL underground. Not just the fraction that Eversource proposes.

My understanding of the SEC is that it works on behalf of the public to both ensure appropriate power in the state AND a safe and desirable means of obtaining that power. It is not in the business of forcing communities (the public) to bend to the wind of the power companies. In fact, it should be the opposite: forcing the power company to bend to the whim of the community. It may cost more - but the preservation of the beauty and historic value of this part of New Hampshire is worth it.