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**To:** Scott, Robert  
**Subject:** Citizens Petition to Reject Seacoast Reliability Project

Dear Mr. Scott,

I am writing on behalf of a group of Durham residents to share with you a petition with 707 signatures to date, and 151 informed comments, asking the SEC to reject the Eversource SRP because of its potentially adverse ecological impact on the Great Bay Estuary. That petition can be found here: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/no-eversource-jet-plowing-across-little-bay>

Although most of us are neither engineers or scientists, our review of the Eversource Normandeau Impact Study, raised concerns about depth and composition of sediment testing, adequacy of the modeling, and other "research" that was presented to ensure the public about the overall environmental impact of the SRP. We are particularly concerned with the impact of expansive tree removal, canopy cutting, digging, movement and operation of mechanical equipment, and the untested jet plowing on the already fragile Estuary's watershed. These disturbances, along with our concerns about the effectiveness of the described sediment and runoff control measures, drive our growing fear of the harm the SRP poses to the already compromised water quality of the Great Bay.

Based on our concerns, we asked our Durham Town Council to hire an independent review of the Normandeau SRP Impact Study. The GeoInsight/Woodshole Groups ([https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/town\\_administration/page/50441/eversource\\_letter\\_from\\_orr\\_reno\\_dated\\_feb\\_28\\_2017.pdf](https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/town_administration/page/50441/eversource_letter_from_orr_reno_dated_feb_28_2017.pdf)) found enough issues and discrepancies with the Study to conclude that they could not assure us of manageable environmental risks of the overall project, and the adverse ecological impact from the jet plowing of Little Bay in particular. Their findings referenced gaps in the data analysis, the type and adequacy of the sediment testing and dispersion modeling, among other problems that prevent a fair and realistic risk assessment for this Project. These conclusions present a very scary scenerio for those of us concerned with protecting this water body.

We are 707 concerned citizens, advocates, Eversource customers, and environmental stewards and tourists who ask you and the SEC to please reject the SRP as proposed by the Applicant.

With kind regards,

Nancy Bulkley and the Friends of Great Bay  
Of Durham NH and surrounding communities