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**Subject:** Opposition to the proposed power lines in Newington

Ms. Monroe,

I recently moved to Newington, NH from North Hampton, NH where my family had resided for 20 years. We moved to the seacoast in 1996 from Redwood Shores, CA. In California we witnessed the direct impact of high-voltage towers reducing property value and essentially segmenting neighborhoods from high value to much lower value. The research on EMF (electromagnetic fields) from high-voltage towers has been inconclusive to date, but the stigma and perception of EMR significantly contributes to the devaluation of property values. Future medical studies could easily be more conclusive.

We decided to move from North Hampton to Newington because of the rural character of the town and the bay. I have invested significant resources in the property purchased and am EXTREMELY concerned with the proposed overhead powerlines. From a town standpoint, the Historic District of Newington and the Frink Farm are the embodiment of the rural character we so desired. When evaluating Newington we looked at the Master Plan of the town and agreed with its stated objectives. The number one objective is "The protection of the quality of the town's residential areas". To that end, the town surveys homeowners once a year to determine if the residents have changed their opinions on objectives and goals so that the wishes of the residents can be better addressed, so the Master Plan reflects the sentiments of current residents. Also stated in the Master Plan is that "electrical transmission lines are generally viewed as uses incompatible with residential uses". I cannot think of a single item other than an above ground oil/gas pipeline going through the residential portions of the town that would have a greater impact. That's why the Master plan further designates all residential and transmission lines should be buried.

One mile of underground transmission lines alleviates this whole issue. The SEC is mandated to give due consideration to the municipal governing bodies and planning commissions. The viewpoints of the residents are represented by the municipal planning commissions and governing bodies and as such the Master Plan referenced above is the embodiment of the towns views.

Furthermore, we have nesting bald eagles which train their young how to hunt and fly in these areas. Bald eagles and golden eagles are both protected by Federal Law. Overhead transmission lines create a perilous situation for young birds who are not adept at flying. Couple that with the Great Bay Estuary being designated as a National Estuarine Research Reserve by the Federal Government and the flying wildlife that reside there, migratory and non-migratory, the introduction of high voltage transmission lines would be a serious hazard.

I implore you to mandate that all high voltage power lines be buried. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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