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To the members of the Site Evaluation Committee

We oppose the Eversource proposal to expand their power corridor through Newington's residential zone with higher above ground towers and additional lines. We ask the Site Evaluation Committee to direct the reasonable alternative of placing the power lines underground through our homes and town historic sites.

Eversource has placed the SEC in a tough position effort in its role of finding a suitable location for the power needs of the Seacoast. The company early on eliminated other alternatives such as a shorter, less-impact route through Newington and a longer-term reliability solution that had lower cost per power unit benefits for rate payers. They underfunded these earlier alternative studies and made biased decisions that provide more benefit to their company; they stacked the deck. Still, the SEC can act to mitigate the impact.

Eversource now asks the SEC to endorse the cheapest solution – one that expands their route with much higher, multi-line towers in the heart of Newington's residential homes. **Please say no.** Please direct the one remaining mitigation which is to place the lines underground through the full, but short distance through Newington's residential and historic zones. We thank the committee for their diligence in hearing the voice of those impacted forever by the Seacoast Reliability Project. We know your role is to secure power for the needs of the Seacoast. Please require that Eversource does so in manner compatible with the quality of life we all seek for our region and our homes.

Thank you.

Christopher and Cynthia Cross