

October 12, 2018

Ms. Pamela G. Monroe
Administrator
Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Monroe,

Unfortunately my husband, Jim Weiner and I were not able to attend the Eversource hearing last night due to unavoidable circumstances. I have been informed that we may submit written comments and wanted to take the opportunity to do so. I was born and raised in Newington and both Jim and I are very proud to call Newington our home. Our little town (with less than 800 residents) has seen many destructive changes over the years, including the government takeover of nearly half of our land for an airbase. When that airbase closed, after polluting our land and waterways, the land the government took from us was never even returned to us.

I understand and appreciate that we have a serious electricity capacity situation for our region that must be addressed, however we are against the high power line plan being proposed by Eversource. This plan will have significant negative consequences for our little town and the Little Bay. The high power lines being proposed by Eversource will cut through Newington's Historic District, and cut through its residential district, which is in direct conflict with Newington's Master Plan. The Master Plan plan states the following:

- "The protection of the quality of the town's residential areas is central to the Master Plan. The stated purpose of this policy is to ensure that the quality of life in Newington's resident areas is protected from incompatible uses."
- The plan states that "electric transmission lines are viewed as uses incompatible with residential uses"
- It also states that it has been the town's policy to require land developers to place their electric utility service improvements in the residential district underground and that this policy should also extend to transmission lines. If the lines must come through the residential and historic districts then bury them.

This cut through would lower property values and studies have shown that the Electro Magnetic Fields produced from the high power lines may cause cancer.

Just as importantly, the current plan would necessitate that trenches be dug across Little Bay, potentially causing irreversible damage to Little Bay and its wildlife.

There is an alternative option, the “Step Down Transformer” option, which although 22% more costly initially, would actually meet the demand for electricity for the next 20 years or more vs the high power line option which would only meet electrical demand for the next 10 years. The “Step Down Transformer” option is a much better return on investment for the following reasons:

- Better value
- No impact to Little Bay
- No impact to the residential district
- Meet the electrical demand for the next 20 years or more vs the next 10 years

Eversource should be moving ahead with the “Step Down Transformer” option, it is the fiscally and environmentally right thing to do. It would be a big boost to the economic development of the entire region by supplying over 400 Megawatts of power vs only 190 Megawatts of power to the only deep water port for the State of NH. Don't let this opportunity slip through your fingers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Kent Weiner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Kent Weiner
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