

**Supplemental Pre-Filled Testimony of Jeffrey and Vivian Miller  
SEC Docket No. 2015-04, July 20, 2018**

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**Please state your names and address:**

- Jeffrey and Vivian Miller, 297 Durham Point Rd, Durham, NH, Durham Residents Intervenors group

**What is the purpose of your supplemental testimony?**

- To further explain how this project will have direct impact on our access and enjoyment of our home, property and riparian land rights to boat, fish and kayak on Little Bay. Our property abuts the Applicant’s ROW on 3 sides and therefore is uniquely impacted. We will expand on the Applicant’s data requests and provide details not represented in the Applicant’s Visual simulations.

**How do you access you home currently?**

- Deeded .5 mile dirt driveway. The existing wooden poles (inactive) will be replaced with larger 75’ – 95’ metal poles and additional ROW clearing.





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**What are your concerns involving access, use and enjoyment of Little Bay?**

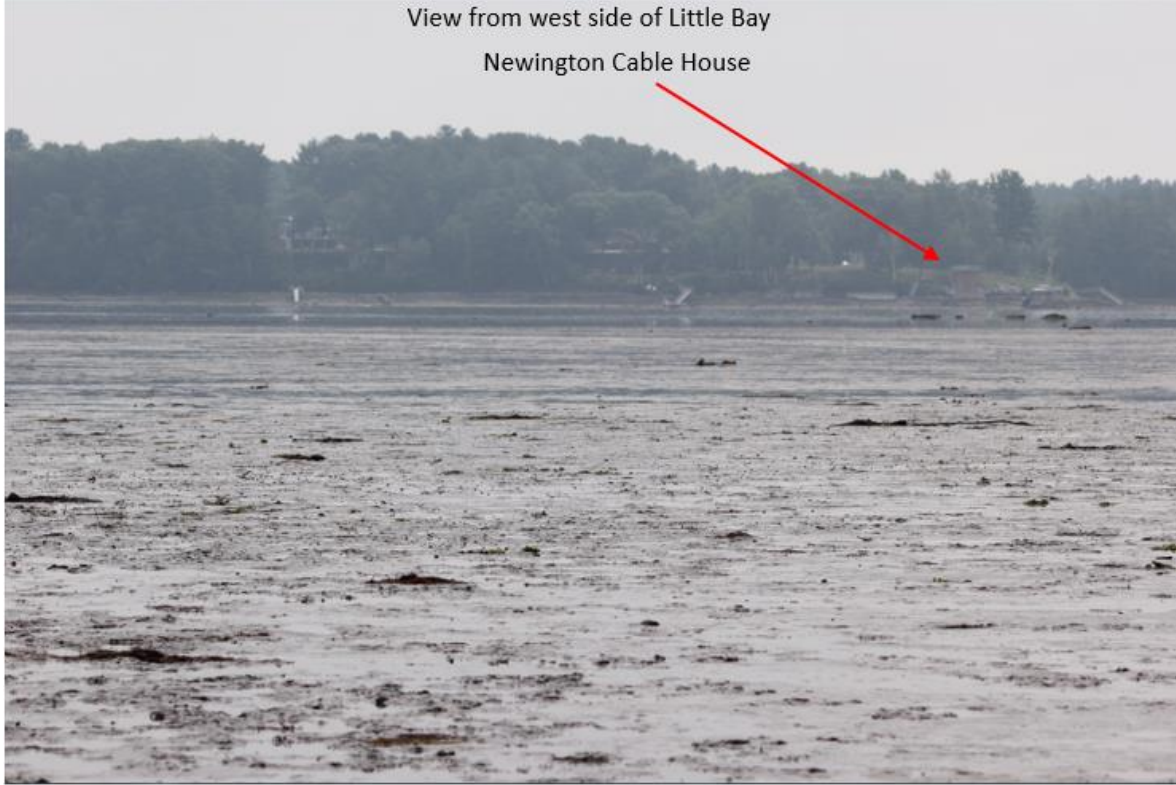
- The proposed concrete mattresses, hand jetting and jet plowing will disrupt and destroy the Little Bay shore, sea floor and existing tidal flows and depths. The proposed concrete mattresses could span 300' or more potentially destroying significant shoreline, oyster and clam beds, horseshoe crabs and other Estuary species, thereby having a direct impact on our shoreline and our riparian rights to use and occupy waters adjacent to our shores for recreational purposes. The attached picture is at low tide simulating where the mattresses will be located and how they will appear from our home. *The image on the next picture was not intended to be to scale only to illustrate the proposed location of the concrete mattresses. **Based upon our current understanding, there will be three sections of concrete mattress extending from the west shoreline. Each section will be 10' wide by 20' long, 9" tall and up to 300' long, with additional mattresses used as required during cable installation; all clearly visible at low tide.***

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- • Additionally, the applicant has stated the bottom of Little Bay is “somewhat exposed” at low tide, the following picture demonstrates that statement is very understated:



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39 **From your understanding are there periods of time you will have lack of access to your property and**  
40 **or Little Bay?**

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- 42 • It is unclear as to the extent of construction equipment that will be using our shared dirt  
43 driveway and how that may impede access to our home and property. This dirt driveway was  
44 deeded and intended for 2 residential homes and if the project is approved the Applicant will be  
45 using it for commercial and construction purposes. So yes, we are concerned about access,  
46 noise and total disruption to our rural setting for the 12 month construction process.

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48 **What is your opinion of loss of value and marketability of your home now, during construction and**  
49 **post construction?**

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- 51 • The potential SRP must be disclosed to prospective buyers and this information generally turns  
52 people away from considering our home. The proposed tree clearing, 12 months of  
53 construction, new 75-90 ft. poles and jet plowing across the Bay present us with a significant  
54 disadvantage. After construction, we will have several new much higher poles running half a  
55 mile across and adjacent to our driveway. A new 73' Transition pole will be located within 15' of  
56 our driveway and entrance to our home. According to Mr Chalmers, The Applicant's real estate  
57 expert, we are in the unique position of having our home value be significantly impacted by  
58 these factors. Our home is uniquely impacted by it's 3 sided agencies to the Applicant's ROW.  
59 Everything we know and enjoy about our privacy, rural nature and access to Little Bay will be  
60 changed forever. Altering our landscape with clearings and adding 75-90 ft poles while also  
61 stressing and destroying sea life in Little Bay disregards our rights to use and enjoy our property  
62 and surroundings.

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64 **Why do you believe there has been disregard for your interests as an abutter and property owner?**

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- 66 • Eversource reached out to property owners in Newington well before their Application was  
67 filed. Those property owners reached agreements with Eversource to bury the power lines  
68 amongst other things. We were never personally contacted by Eversource until we reached  
69 out to them, shortly before their Application was filed. How is that an acceptable and fair  
70 practice? We are one home being significantly impacted and yet Eversource has not attempted  
71 to discuss how we can be compensated, land restored, road and water access during  
72 construction, the devaluing of our home as well as the home next door. We believe this project  
73 will have an unreasonable adverse effect on our property, water quality, the natural  
74 environment and our health and safety.

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76 **What are the negative impacts to the peaceful, rural character of your property?**

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- Tree Removal
- Widening of ROW
- Power Poles and Lines through the surrounding conservation land and neighbor's property
- Electrical field exposure
- Construction Activity
- Concrete Mattress installation and visibility at low tide



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**Do you have other concerns about the project?**

- A key criterion for the SEC in evaluating the SRP project is: ***“Will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics, historic sites, air and water quality, the natural environment and public health and safety”.***
  - Air and water quality: Little Bay is a sensitive, weakened and protected natural resource. The Jet Plowing method for burying the transmission cables under little bay has never been described as safe for the Little Bay environment. It has been described as the most technically and financially viable method with impacts that hopefully are temporary. There is no guarantee permanent damage will not be inflicted on Little Bay; it is a risky experiment.
  - The natural environment: The westerly shore of Little Bay is an unspoiled natural environment. Power Lines, tree removal, concrete mattresses and damage to historic sites are not consistent with the natural environment.
  - Unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics: Increased ROW width, 75’ – 93’ poles and power lines, concrete mattresses and damage from construction equipment will permanently, negatively change the aesthetics of this rural area.

**Do these concerns replace your concerns expressed in your original testimony?**

- No, the concerns I have we have expressed in this supplemental testimony are in addition to our earlier concerns
- Appropriate compensation, a detailed MOU for our driveway, access to home and Bay and post construction repairs and restoration must be in place prior to SEC approval.

**Does this conclude your testimony?**

- Yes