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Dear Ms. Monroe and Mr. Honigberg,

the Easton Conservation Commission requests that the full committee of the SEC review our request to be grouped in a conservation commission group with Franconia and Sugar Hill. We are concerned that the large area and large amount of people in our current municipal group, which includes commissions and boards from Sugar Hill, Franconia, Plymouth and Woodstock, will make coordination difficult and time consuming and severely handicap our efforts to represent the conservation concerns of our town. The present grouping is so large as to be unworkable and violates our due process. In addition, Easton, Sugar Hill and Franconia are already sharing counsel who is not representing Plymouth or Woodstock. We earlier requested that we be granted status alone, but are willing to be grouped with conservation commissions in Sugar Hill and Franconia.

We request that the SEC remain open to future "subdivisions" since groups might find their interests and goals diverging. If one town in group decides to accept a "contribution" from Eversource, you can hardly expect other towns grouped with them who steadfastly opposes the project to continue to work with them.

The necessity for noticed meetings for municipal groups also weighs in favor of smaller groupings for the municipal organizations. Many of us meet only once or twice a month, considerably slowing our response time for deadlines.

In addition, with the present large, disparate groups, too much work falls on the spokesperson. In the municipals group, we are all already serving on boards, sometimes more than one, and it is a lot to ask that a town official also take on the job of coordinating other town groups.

We find your grouping biased toward the applicant and hope that you will begin now to give due consideration to the views of municipal governing bodies.

We support the 2 year schedule proposed by SPNHF and request that the SEC deny Eversource's request for a waiver from the SEC's decommissioning requirements

Sincerely,

Roy Stever, Chair, Easton Conservation Commission
Kris Pastoriza, Vice-Chair
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