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11 years ago we moved to NH from Chicago. We did so for many reasons, not the least of which was that NH on its worst day is more beautiful than Illinois on its best.

Monthly, we have the misfortune to travel past the intersection of Routes 101 and 114. There aren't sufficient superlatives for how grotesque the towers in that right-of-way are and I am sadly reminded that THIS is how Route 107 through Deerfield is going to look! We buried the power lines feeding our home at a cost of \$5000 so they would be reliable and wouldn't obstruct our view.

The Eversource right-of-way passes just beyond and below our back lot and our hope is that we are situated so our point of view won't include a similar site. If it does, we know we will never recoup what we have put into our investment. Folks don't buy "ugly" and neither would we had those lines been visible. We may not be able to see Russia from our front porch, but neither do we wish to see Canada from our patio

This IS the 21st century, and we are still transporting our power using outmoded, unreliable technology. By the time this thing gets built, if it ever does, the rest of the world will have moved on to smarter, cleaner sources of power and efficient transmission. In the spirit of NH, we believe that power, like politics, should be local.

We do not trust that purported tax benefits will recoup Deerfield's losses (rural beauty, property values, construction damage, wetland destruction) in spite of claims of increased real estate tax revenue. Eversource will likely oppose its tax liability (once it gets what it wants), possibly with the help of state-dictated valuations. We doubt that Deerfield will reap the benefits of increased power or decreased rates. Neither do we believe that the jobs to be created will be local OR long term.

We favor renewables as do the folks in Deerfield which was evidenced by how residents embraced the recent solar initiative, and we too would have eagerly jumped on the band wagon had we been in a position to do so.

We are grateful after every ice storm or nor'easter that doesn't require us to crank up our generator because of downed lines. But even that has come at the cost of toppling century old trees. Perhaps it's time for big power to figure out a better way to get their product from point A to point B

Deerfield has one substation that is morphing into two, and from what we hear, there may be more to come. At a time when terrorism is on the rise, this little town of Deerfield will be carrying a larger and more attractive target on its back. We know there is a solution to this dilemma out there, and finding it is where Eversource's efforts should go. Build a better mousetrap and people will buy it!

Respectfully,
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