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I noticed that Eversource has notified the SEC of proposed maintenance work on another 115V power corridor (A 111) in New Hampshire. Their “abundance of caution” phrase relative to their notification speaks to the lack of specific definitions of “sizable” in our statute. Having said that, I consider this to be an extremely positive step in fixing the process flaws that led to the mess that occurred in New London last year. Relying on Eversource to be abundantly cautious and notify the SEC on large infrastructure capital investments, however, is obviously problematic—sizable remains in the eyes of the beholder.

I would refer you to the Maine statute that clearly defines how utility infrastructure projects will be approved and how their “Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity” process works (their version of SEC). I’m not a lawyer, but even I can understand how their process works. All proposed projects get presented to the MPUC annually (5-year outlook), the PUC determines which ones require further discussion, and projects that meet their sizable definition go through the CPCN process. And all of this happens before any work begins.

As you investigate the work Eversource is proposing to do on the A 111 line, I think it might be helpful to look at the 5-minute video I am attaching to this email. It represents what was done to my property in preparation for the pole replacement and new line work that occurred. Eversource constructed an access road on my property where one did not previously exist. They also built a huge construction pod to support the cranes they brought in to move and install the new poles. Their letter to the SEC implies that access roads currently exist that may need upgrades to meet their construction needs. I would push on that. In New London, access roads (which look like many other dirt roads in NH) were constructed causing significant damage to property owners. Eversource may also tell you that they “restore” property to its original natural state. I am attaching a photo I took yesterday that depicts my property after restoration—an epic fail. Eversource and I are in discussion as to how they intend to cover up the access road. They are not contractually allowed, according to my easement, to leave a road behind. They have agreed to come up with a new restoration plan, but I remain skeptical. They have not figured out that efforts to grow vegetation of top of the material they brought in to build that road are doomed without bringing in lots of loam.

As you are all aware, my goal from the beginning was to ensure that what happened to me (massive excavation/construction on my property without any notification) does not occur to any other resident of New Hampshire. I am also aware that it is difficult for many people to understand the magnitude of the Eversource work by reading words on a piece of paper or viewing a high level map, hence the video. Please know that this work is extensive at a property level, is costing Eversource a huge amount of money that they will ask the PUC to recoup via

permanent rate increases, and that Eversource is downplaying the impacts within easement ROW's. I am not the only New London resident who continues to be negatively impacted by this grid reliability program. I am the vocal "front person" who volunteered to bring attention to this problem.

Again, I actually support this Eversource grid reliability program. I remain unsupportive of our flawed state processes that allowed this work to proceed without explicit approval, oversight and public notification/scrutiny.

Please do not let this happen again.

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