

May 11, 2016

Matthew Beaton, Chairman
Angela O'Conner, Chairman
Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs
Energy Facility Siting Board
One South Station
Fifth Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Eversource proposed transmission line Sudbury, MA

Dear,

Eversource has proposed a transmission line on an existing right of way (ROW) through Sudbury, owned by Mass Bay Transportation. Approximately 1.7 miles of the ROW is within the Zone II of the Sudbury Water District's gravel pack wells which are the sole source of water for over 18,000 residents of Sudbury.

The District acknowledges that 333CMR11.04, sensitive area restrictions for herbicide use, allows the use of herbicides every 24 months if they are applied selectively by low pressure, using foliar techniques or basal or cut-stump applications in Zone II areas. The District has reviewed Eversource's approved herbicide plan and although it meets the requirements of the regulations, the Sudbury Water District is still very concerned with a proposal for wide scale herbicide use in any manner in the District's Zone II. The District is very proactive when it concerns the protection of its well Zone II areas. Once contamination of the groundwater occurs, it can be extremely costly to remove the contamination, if even possible. The worst case scenario might be to abandon the contaminated well.

The Sudbury Water District is requesting that the siting board take these concerns into consideration when making a final siting decision for the Eversource proposed transmission line in Sudbury.

If you have any questions regarding this matter kindly contact me at (978) 443-6602 at your earlier convenience.

Sincerely,



Rebecca McEnroe, P.E.
Superintendent

Cc: Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues, Sudbury Town Manager