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In the matter of the Eversource Sudbury-Hudson transmission line project, I urge that the Commonwealth seek to AVOID the 'permanent, negative, environmental impacts' which would be caused by siting a transmission line along the MBTA corridor. I urge the Secretary to require thorough evaluation of ALTERNATIVES, including a full ENF and EIR of not only Eversource's preferred option, but also of Eversource's overhead option along the MBTA RoW, and of the under-street option Eversource has included in their petition.

Lest Eversource, ISO-NE, the EFSB, or other agencies within EEA and state government assert that the need is so urgent that there is no time for this analysis, please dismiss that notion. The immediate need for this project has not been proven; need is being considered in parallel with the MEPA process by the EFSB.

I am attaching an email I sent to Secretary Beaton, Dec 15, 2016, a full 7 months ago, urging what I am again asking for now.

In addition to addressing the environmental impacts which are being raised in comments to EFSB and MEPA by others, I also ask that Secretary Beaton require as part of the EIR thorough survey and identification of historical and archaeological assets along each of the proposed routes. The Hop Brook corridor is an area of particular interest, where native Americans lived, fished, traveled, and worshipped.

Sincerely,
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To:

Bill Schineller

Dec 15, 2016 at 1:37 PM

Hi Bill,

I have passed the email along. Thank you again for reaching out.

Nicholas Schwalbert

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From: Bill Schineller [mailto:bschineller@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 12:50 PM

To: Schwalbert, Nick (EEA)

Cc: Ray Phillips

Subject: Re: letter from Protect Sudbury for Secretary Matt Beaton concerning Eversource project

Hi Nick,

Time has passed and lots has happened since I last wrote your office regarding this issue.

Secretary Beaton met with Protect Sudbury, he was involved we believe in facilitating a meeting we had with Eversource VP Jim Hunt.

And Secretary Beaton 'urged Eversource to make this easy on everyone'.

Unfortunately, although Eversource developed an under street alternative, they continue to prefer their proposed route through MBTA corridor between Sudbury and

Hudson. Bisecting conservation lands and watershed, destroying unfragmented forest and threatening the water supply of 2 towns.

They prefer this instead of under street alternatives which they acknowledge 'do not have the permanent negative environmental impact that the MBTA routes do'.

They have failed Secretary Beaton's request to 'make this easy on everyone'.

I spoke to MEPA last week and learned that they are anticipating Eversource filing one Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for their preferred MBTA route.

They also plan to submit their petition to the Siting Board this month.

It concerns me that an ENF for the under-street alternative Eversource developed will not be filed.

My concern is that this biases the Siting Board, because the MBTA route will be further along in the MEPA process.

Agencies have told me that they don't want to start processes all over again at late stages, and thus accept worse solutions over better ones simply because they want to get it over with. This makes me very uncomfortable about my state government.

I left a voice message for Secretary Beaton last week but have not heard back.

I do not have his direct email or Alex Cahill's email at my disposal, so will you please forward my request to Secretary Beaton and to Alex today?

I request that MEPA and the Siting Board require fully developed ENF for all of the viable alternatives, including:

- the under street route Eversource plans to include in their Siting Board petition