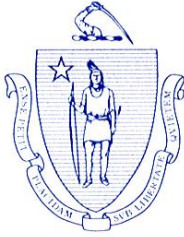


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Boston MA, 02114

HAND DELIVERED IN SUDBURY

RE: Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project

Dear Ms. Buckley,

This letter is sent in opposition to Eversource's plan to build the Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, a proposed 8.9-mile power line passing through Sudbury, Hudson, Stow, and Marlborough along the MBTA right of way (ROW). Our opposition is based upon the following:

1. Failure to adequately demonstrate the immediate need for the New Line;
2. The existence of vetted alternatives that meet ISO New England's reliability goals on existing rights of way at comparable cost;
3. The permanent and lasting damage done to protected and environmentally-sensitive conservation lands;
4. The clear and present danger presented to public health and safety;
5. The irreversible destruction of documented historic settings and artifacts;
6. The unrecoverable financial losses to businesses and homeowners;
7. The documented history of Eversource failing to comply with local by-laws as well as acting with disregard to the rights of homeowners adjacent to existing rights of way; and
8. The serious risk of contamination to the Town of Sudbury's source of drinking water.

This portion of the line abuts over 300 Sudbury properties, and poses a severe threat to town wetlands and conservation areas. The proposed route, if aboveground, would have 82 feet of clear-cut along the entire line, which would result in more than 50 acres of clear-cut in total, a significant fraction of which would be in the Hop Brook Marsh and Memorial Forest conservation areas. This would fragment wetland habitats, harm local bird and amphibian populations, and put the entire ecosystem at risk. Additionally, herbicides would be used to maintain the clear-cut area - this would have a serious impact on the wetlands plants and

animals, and on the Sudbury water aquifer from which the town's drinking water is supplied.

Sudbury residents are dependent on their well water. They do not belong to or receive water from the (MWRA). Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. A substantial portion of the MBTA ROW lies in zone 2 area of the Water District. Zone 2 is the area from which ground water ultimately migrates to the well from which it is pumped.

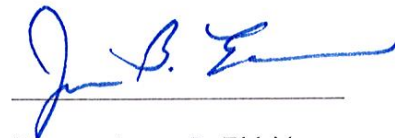
The Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project poses grave risks for the scenic wetlands of Sudbury and for the health of town inhabitants – for these reasons we are firmly opposed to the transmission line following the ROW whether above or below ground.

Sincerely,



Representative Carmine Gentile

13th Middlesex



Senator James B. Eldridge

Middlesex and Worcester