

HUDSON LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

POSITION PAPER

ON THE

SUDBURY-HUDSON TRANSMISSION LINE

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A new 115,000 volt transmission line is being proposed between Sudbury and Hudson. The Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE), a non-profit agency tasked with coordinating the wholesale market and the reliability of the electrical grid in New England, recently commissioned a study to resolve transmission problems in the Greater Boston area. One of many solutions to these problems is to build a new transmission line from Sudbury to Hudson. The proposed transmission line will be owned and operated by Eversource Energy Corporation.

Some residents in Hudson and Sudbury oppose the transmission line due to the necessary removal of trees during construction. Abutters fear that their property value may decrease or that electric fields may adversely impact their health. Hudson Light and Power acknowledges the extreme importance of these concerns.

As a municipal utility, it is our responsibility to ensure that you, our customers and owners, understand the significant local benefits provided by this new transmission line.

With the installation of this new transmission line, customers in Hudson and Stow will be served by a much more reliable electric system. The probability of system-wide long term outages due to transmission events will be greatly diminished. This increase in reliability will not cost the Hudson Light and Power rate-payers; in fact, the new line is estimated to reduce our rates by 5-7% permanently.

The residents of Hudson and Stow have a unique opportunity to increase the reliability of our local electric system while simultaneously lowering our electric rates. We ask that our customers consider these benefits and focus on construction solutions that address all of our community concerns.

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