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Dear Ms. Bartosewicz and Mr. Prete:

We, the undersigned, were recently made aware of the pre-filed testimony of the ISO New England (ISO-NE), in which they state the Phase II application as filed does not appear to provide for reliability.

As you know, ISO-NE participated in the evidentiary hearings for Segments Three and Four, the Devon Station to Norwalk portion of the route, in March. At that time, ISO-NE raised concerns about the amount of undergrounding, but ultimately stated that the amount of undergrounding in the proposal was acceptable, though at the limit of acceptability. The testimony they just submitted is certainly very different from their original statements.

Irrespective of this latest, contradictory testimony from ISO-NE, we fully expect the utilities will continue to vigorously advocate for the preferred alternative you have proposed. Undoubtedly you recognize that ISO-NE are not experts on underground transmission technology, and that unlike the Siting Council, they do not take into consideration many critical factors including environmental or health impacts.

After three years working on this issue, finding common ground in Phase One, we come to you in good faith that you will make certain to defend your application before the Siting Council. We want to make it clear that we will work with you in any way necessary to support your efforts to place the lines underground to the maximum extent as you move forward in providing the Connecticut Siting Council with the evidence required to remain firm on your preferred route as proposed.

Respectfully,

Christopher Shays
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