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Pamela B. Katz  
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10 Franklin Square  
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**Re: Docket No. 272**

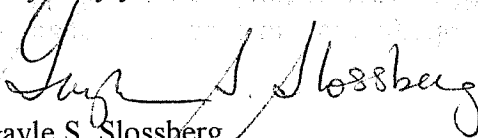
Dear Chairman Katz:

I write in response to the recently filed testimony by ISO-NE that concludes that the proposal before you will not meet reliability standards. The testimony is untimely and based upon a review of the applicant's technical studies, not ISO-NE's own studies. Their comments serve only to distract and detract from the Council's obligation to adhere to Connecticut policies regarding the siting of facilities.

As the only agency in our state charged with the responsibility of ensuring public health and safety in siting energy facilities, it is imperative that you to adhere to the policies set forth in the Public Utilities Environmental Standards Act ("PUESA"), specifically regarding the undergrounding of high voltage power lines near residential areas, schools, licensed day care facilities, licensed youth camps or public playgrounds. In order to protect public health and safety, the Council should seek to underground as much of the line as possible.

Council must consider *all* of the factors in the PUESA. Obviously, any project must ultimately be technically feasible, however, the health and safety of our communities must be of paramount concern. To that end, I formally join in the response letter and Comments by Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General for the State of Connecticut filed and dated July 19, 2004.

Very truly yours,

  
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