



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

April 19, 2017

Mr. Mark Reed
Director of Eversource Government Affairs, MA
800 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02199

Dear Mr. Reed,

We write today in regard to the proposed gas gate station on Elm Street in Hopkinton, MA and to ask that any petition for state approval of the project be withheld until town officials and residents have had adequate opportunity to evaluate project details and potential impacts.

According to information currently available about the project, the location of the proposed gate station lies in very close proximity to both an elementary school and numerous residences. This necessitates local scrutiny first and foremost with respect to public safety, but also in regard to potential noise and odor impacts, among other potential concerns. We strongly urge Eversource to engage with requisite local boards and committees, as well as residents, to assess and respond to local concerns prior to petitioning for state approval.

Also, it is our understanding that numerous sites have been considered for siting of this facility. We would strongly urge you to simultaneously evaluate other possible locations, especially those which would place the facility in a more remote location.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn C. Dykema".

Carolyn C. Dykema
State Representative
8th Middlesex District

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen E. Spilka".

Karen E. Spilka
State Senator
2nd Middlesex and Norfolk

CC: Norman Khumalo, Hopkinton Town Manager
Dr. Cathy MacLeod, Superintendent, Hopkinton Public Schools
Hopkinton School Committee
Hopkinton Board of Selectmen