



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

December 10, 2024

Lisa S. Wieland
President, New England
National Grid
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Wieland:

Thank you for your response to our October letter highlighting concerns of constituents Wanda and John Mooney about National Grid's work planned near their property in Heath. We are writing today to call your attention to a Charlemont section of this project.

We've had recent conversations with Charlemont's Jonathan Mirin about his concerns about National Grid's planned project, which was the subject of a pole hearing yesterday evening by the Town of Charlemont's Select Board. Jonathan Mirin and Godeliève Richard of 224 Avery Brook Road, who run the two-decades-old Piti Theatre at that site, and Jacob Rheinheimer, a carpenter, and Shana Totino, a farmer, at 225 Avery Brook Road would like to see changes to a section of this project near their properties.

These Avery Brook Road residents and business owners are concerned with the health impacts of the increased voltage used in three-phase power and of the potential use of wireless technology close to them. Additionally, they are concerned about the visual impact and potential loss in property value the project may have.

Jonathan Mirin and Godeliève Richard have already shared the health concerns they have about the National Grid work with your project and smart meter teams. Jonathan shared with us an excerpt from a September response received from Jean Charles, Senior Specialist, National Grid Stakeholder Management: "I confirmed with the project team that there are no plans to install any wireless equipment along your section of Avery Brook Road. Due to the lack of service in the area, the team plans to use fiber to connect any new equipment that requires telecommunications." Our constituents appreciated getting this message but would like to have assurance the plans won't change. They are requesting that National Grid bury the lines at your cost when poles are placed or re-placed along 224 and 225 Avery Brook Road. Should this not be possible, they are requesting a statement that all connectivity in front of or across from these properties will be wired with fiber, and not include wireless connectivity, and that any future leasing

or sharing with Verizon for wireless equipment on Avery Brook Road will not include permission for wireless infrastructure/antennas on Pole Numbers: P25-25, P24-50, P25, P25-50, P26, P28, P29 and P30.

Can you and your team at National Grid New England address these concerns of our constituents in Charlemont? Any guidance and assistance you can provide on this project in Charlemont and Heath is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Paul W. Mark

State Senator

Berkshire, Franklin, Hamden, and Hampshire



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State Representative

First Franklin District