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Dear members of the PUC,

I assume that you follow issues that have to do with the Massachusetts DPU, but I also know that you are very busy people. I am sure you are aware that EverSource has also petitioned the MA DPU for tariffs on ratepayers to help pay for the ANE Expansion project, just like they have petitioned the NH PUC (You can read it here: http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoomAPI/api/Attachments/Get/?path=15-181%2FNotice_of_Filing.pdf)

The idea of such a tariff is very unpopular in Massachusetts. Please ensure that you get answers to the following questions during your hearing on Wednesday:

1. If the MA DPU rejects the idea of paying a tariff, but the NH PUC accepts it, how does that change the estimated tariff and the estimated savings?
2. Can the company provide numbers for how the tariff might change if Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont also reject the idea of a tariff?

I would also like to point to you an article in the Lowell Sun, by Colin A Young, April 11, 2016. It begins with "A bipartisan group of 91 lawmakers plans to deliver a letter to House Speaker Robert DeLeo on Wednesday preemptively objecting to the inclusion of any provision in an expected omnibus energy bill that would require electric ratepayers to pay for a proposed natural gas pipeline."

Read more: http://www.lowellsun.com/breakingnews/ci_29751778/dozens-lawmakers-warn-against-pipeline-language-energy-bill#ixzz45X2LypQD

I realize that the article is about the NED pipeline rather than the Algonquin, but the reasons for opposing a tariff are similar.

Respectfully,

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