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I strongly urge you to deny the Eversource request to cut trees. My reasons are summarized below.

1. It is difficult to see why it is necessary to cut trees between the Transfer Station and 238 Durham Point Road while not cutting along the full 3 phase path from rt 108 to the UNH Lab at Adams Point. Does Eversource really think that the uncut areas do not present a risk?
2. It appears that the real Eversource motivation is to provide 3 phase service from the transfer Station to the switch at 238 Durham Point enabling an alternative 3 phase source for the UNH Lab as well as to increase their rate base. Residential users need only single phase power. Thus, the whole exercise benefits only one customer, while potentially raising distribution rates for all.
3. Existing 3 phase service to the UNH lab from 238 Durham Point and from rt 108 to the Transfer Station now utilize older and lower poles. Why the need for higher poles in just this one area when most of the distance from rt 108 to Adams Point will not have new poles? They could simply add 3 phase capacity to existing poles.
4. With one possible exception, the extended power outages in recent years were not due to line damage in the area where the cutting is proposed. Adding 3 phase capacity to a small section along Durham Point Road will not necessarily mean fewer and shorter power outages in the future. Delayed service restoration has generally been a function of an Eversource policy of restoring service to densely populated service areas first. Does Eversource plan to change this policy?
5. Regulated utilities such as Eversource are permitted to earn a return on their investment. Incremental investment in generating and distribution facilities is the path to increased profits. Allowing an increase in investment (cost of new poles and tree cutting) will potentially lead to higher bills for residential customers without any real benefit, while giving the UNH lab an alternative power source.
6. Eversource management must think their Durham customers are dumb and will accept whatever they offer as gospel.

Regards - Jay Ehlen - Deer Point resident