

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

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Pamela Katz, Chair
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Proposed 345KV, East Shore Alternative

Dear Chair Katz:

I write to you as chairman of the newly-created New Haven Port Authority, and I write you in opposition to the proposed East Shore Alternative for the 345KV transmission line.

The state legislature and the Board of Aldermen have enabled us to promote the sound and harmonious development of the Port, in part by coordinating port-related activities and acquiring or otherwise controlling port land and facilities as needed. And, from a state economic development and transportation perspective, that need is increasingly clear. The Port Authority recently conducted direct interviews with all of the major terminals. Nearly every one of them cited the need for additional land and compatible land use in the port district.

The Port Authority is working diligently to better meet the needs of our terminals and related facilities. Since a neighborhood borders the port and there is no room for lateral expansion, it is imperative that we maximize existing resources in a timely fashion.

The proposed East Shore Alternative, which would require acquisition of up to four acres of storage and lay down space, is clearly not compatible with the needs of the port community. UI does not have eight acres of available land, and would have to acquire up to four acres of land from the remaining, scarce, undeveloped port-district property. A new substation clearly is not a water-dependent use. Taking this property forever forecloses its use by the City, and interferes with the port business uses on the few remaining undeveloped acres.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Ian Solomon, Esq.
Chair

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