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March 9, 2022

Patricia M. Kendall, Chair
Ashland Planning Board
101 Main Street
Ashland, MA 01721

**Subject: Scenic Road Permit Application Withdrawal
Eversource Energy - Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line Replacement Project**

Dear Ms. Kendall,

SWCA recently submitted a Scenic Roads Permit Application on behalf of NSTAR Gas d/b/a Eversource Energy for the Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line Replacement Project (the Project). However, upon review of the existing permit that was approved on October 24, 2019, and received by the Ashland Town Clerk on October 31, 2019, it is our understanding that this permit has not expired. Permit condition number 14 listed in the Notice of Decision states that the Ashland Planning Board's Scenic Road approval shall lapse after five years from the date of the filed decision with the Ashland Town Clerk. Therefore, we request that the new Scenic Roads Permit Application, submitted on January 27, 2022, be withdrawn.

Currently, the Project is still in the permitting phase and is awaiting a final decision from the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB). We will continue to update the Ashland Planning Board as the Project progresses.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 413.658.2027 or at Rebecca.Weissman@swca.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Weissman'.

Rebecca Weissman
Senior Office Lead/ Central-East Oil & Gas Lead
SWCA Environmental Consultants