

September 9, 2024

Eversource,

more than a year ago, and several times since then, I asked your project representative for the “proposed” height increase documents for the X-178 that were available at the summer 2023 meeting at Sugar Hill.

She said they were unavailable.

I now find them posted to the Eversource X-178 site, dated mid-July 2024 and missing the “reasons” listed in the original sheets: “clearance, uplift, swing, standards update.”

Eversource continues to withhold:

- Inspection reports for the X-178, U-199, Q-195 and S-136 lines.
- Structure ratings for the U-199, Q-195 and S-136 lines.
- The locations of the 43 structures on the X-178 it claims need replacement. None are in White Mountain National Forest.
- A legal memo approving Eversource's signing DES permit applications as landowner or ‘other’, which practice has allowed Eversource to not send the AoT and Dredge and Fill applications to easement-encumbered landowners.
- Profile drawings for the X-178, which will show the conductor to ground clearances.

Yet, we are invited to “drop by” the September 12, 2024 meeting where Eversource will “answer any questions.” Eversource will not answer any questions, and “drop by” means Eversource will not respond to questions in front of a group, where everyone will hear them. Instead, project representatives will each speak with one or two people, so the difficult questions it promises to come back with answers for will not be discovered by everyone at the meeting.

Eversource has not posted its presentations to the PAC on its project website, thereby keeping from the public the fact that only 43 structures are (maybe) in need of replacement, it plans to double the conductor capacity and it claims that the OPGW weight is the reason for 244 of the 580 planned structure replacements.

Nor has Eversource informed the public that the Code it claims as the reason for the structure height increases is due to the larger, high-sag, high line-loss conductor it plans to install on the line.

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