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To the PAC, ISO and Eversource,

the PAC is enabling Eversource's exploitation of the asset condition category.

By allotting fifteen to thirty minutes for questions on presentations of projects, the PAC is severely limiting questions and dialogue on these projects.

By means of this limitation on questions, the PAC allows Eversource to not answer questions and promise it will answer them later, which it hasn't (for the questions I have asked.)

In allowing Eversource to promise to answer questions outside of the meeting, the PAC limits the flow of information. This tactic of one-on-one (or two) two discussions between project representatives and the public, rather than having project representatives at the table in a room with the group asking questions and everyone hearing the answers (or lack-thereof,) was used extensively by Eversource during Northern Pass.

By not requiring Eversource to answer questions it is clearly able to answer, the PAC enables Eversource's withholding of project information. For example, Dave Burnham and Chris Soderman obviously know the amperage of Eversource's "standard" 1272 ACSS conductor (2,200) and the amperage of the existing 795 ASCR conductor (908), so Chris Soderman's refusal to answer that question and admit that the new conductor would more than double the capacity of the line, went unchallenged and that information was not given to the group. Eversource needs to have engineers at the PAC meetings, to preclude its claims of ignorance. Eversource also knows that the existing conductor weighs 1094 lbs per 1,000' and the 1272 conductor weighs 1633 lbs per 1,000', information that is central to the discussion of the project which it also deliberately withheld, along with the weights of the existing ground wire (413) and planned OPGW (537 lbs per 1,000?), and that ACCC conductor (Badlands) with the same amperage as the existing 795 conductor weighs 356 lbs per 1,000'.

The PAC limited the scope and time for questions and comments on the X-178. Yet when Eversource failed to present timely and adequate information in its presentation, then failed to answer questions that shouldn't even have needed to be asked, the PAC expressed no approbation. What does it say about Eversource and its X-178 plan, that an elderly female breakfast cook living at poverty level with no formal engineering education, has more information to present about the project than the project representatives?

Eversource is an amoral, unregulated monopoly, and it needs to be the entity treated as a problem and controlled.

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