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PUC Commission
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Dear Commission,

My circuit is the 39x circuit that runs from the chestnut substation on Rt63 to our town. It's a 3 phase line that powers about 86% of the town. Eversource has deemed this circuit the worst circuit in reliability in New Hampshire. What a reputation to have, but Eversource new smoke and mirrors of installing the New Hampshire first LiOn battery storage facility in our town was supposed to be the interm fix until a line crew could troubleshoot the down line. Problem is a good portion of residents live in the hilly area of Paine and Poocham Rds which this battery would not serve if a loose of power happened south of the battery storage facility. Furthermore this LiOn storage facility was being proposed not for the town but more of a soft protection measure to the newly renovated 23 million dollar nursing home, which this battery would be stationed by, actually on Cheshire County Property. All we want first is reliable electricity to our homes, but Eversource cannot deliver this. Then they try to go around this major issue by installing a 7 million dollar battery to last maybe up to 4 hours. Wherese a few years ago a new distribution station was built on route 12 in Keene with 3 phase. At a cost of 7 million estimated dollars Eversource could run a second line up an existing Rt. 12 circuit and loop the power into the towns existing 39x circuit. So either line could potentially trip out, would still provide 100% power to the town of Westmoreland. However, Eversource would rather try new technology with a short term life cycle not knowing if the system would even work. The other downside is that Eversource would also use the battery storage on high usage days to keep the cost for buying more power down. So technically, it's possible that the battery storage unit could already be depleted to a level that wouldnt sufficiently supply emergency power to the town of Westmoreland. After all, we do hold the title to the worst electrical supply line in the State of New Hampshire called 39x. Until they start working for ALL the residents in NH we shouldn't be giving this company a raise for a job not well done!

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