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To Whom it may concern

- 1: Massachusetts almost ran low on Natural Gas last winter. The only thing that saved it was a warmer and shorter winter than average. That's not climate; it's weather.
- 2: I have grave doubts about Arlington's all electric future. Nobody has said where the required substation is going to go. It shouldn't be lost on anyone that the new DPW garage and wash bay is heated with natural gas. There are some things that are just too inefficient for electricity, which is generated by natural gas. Furthermore, there is constant talk about the cost of living in Arlington. Utility costs are part of it. My electric bills are in the hundreds of dollars per month. Gas is in the tens of dollars.
- 3: Take stations don't leak. They have automated controls. In the event of major equipment failure, methane detectors shut everything down. Hundred year old piping leaks, and Grid is replacing it.
- 4: Arlington residents may indeed use the property, but it is private property. Until we turn into a communist country, Grid has property rights. 1600 sq ft isn't a large area. The developers of the project near the Highland Fire Station cut an area larger than that, and the Town of Arlington cut down (I think) a similar number of trees to build the pump track. Having said that, I hope you can work with Grid to cut the absolute minimum number of trees, and plant and water as many trees as possible if the project gets approved.

National Grid wouldn't be going through the time and expense of building a new take station if it wasn't necessary. I don't think they could upgrade the existing station without taking it off line. I'm not sure they could do that without risking supply outages.

Whether we like it or not, I suspect this project is required for system reliability. Please approve this with possibly tree conditions.

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