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October 22, 2013

ATTN: Mr. Nicholas S. Ucci
Coordinator
Energy Facility Siting Board
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: E-183 Transmission Line Relocation Project

Dear Members of the Board:

I am reiterating my support for the Underground Alignment of the E-183 Transmission Line from the Providence River at India Point Park to East Providence.

India Point Park hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually from throughout Providence and the rest of Rhode Island; burying the power lines will positively impact the health and safety of those patrons, and enhance the public's enjoyment of this open space. The project has broad community support, including representatives from community organizations, businesses, and universities, as well as elected officials. All of these groups recognize the beneficial economic and environmental impacts the project will achieve.

The City of Providence, the City of East Providence, and the State of Rhode Island have taken a number of steps over the past decade to move the project forward, and also have committed significant resources toward the underground alignment of the power lines. I urge the Energy Facility Siting Board to require all involved parties to act swiftly to minimize further delays, and ensure the success of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seth Yurdin".

Seth Yurdin
Councilman-Ward One

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