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Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Old Mill Lane LNG Station Proposed Expansion/Permanent Solution

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Dear Emma Rodvien,

As a neighbor of Old Mill Lane I must strongly insist that the location is wholly inappropriate for an LNG Station. The PUC gave National Grid "temporary" approval to locate a smaller amount of LNG on trailer tank trucks there and since then they have continued to expand. Please don't let National Grid manipulate the Utility Commission into accepting a permanent and even larger amount of LNG on what was a bucolic lane adjacent to wetlands. I drove past recently and was shocked at how the station has grown and the disruption, noise and lights and general disorganized nature of the site. It does not look to be organized, secure or safe. Looks aside, the Middletown and Portsmouth fire department's likely could not effectively handle a catastrophic event there. And even if they could - can you accept the destruction, damage and lives and homes lost that it would create? The reason that the LNG station is there is due to an "unprecedented event" by National Grid with the gas transmission. An unprecedented explosion could also occur. The risk is too great. It is an absolute safety problem as well as inordinately unfair to the abutters and surrounding residential neighborhood to even contemplate putting that there.

Indeed in their letter to you, National Grid is still investigating all these issues with no real solutions. In their filing to the PUC they say they will "Make an effort to mitigate the visual and noise impacts; Assess methods of leak detection...evaluate safety...etc "

Efforts and studies and assessments do not actually solve the issues which will still be present. Mitigating the risk is not the same as eliminating.

The PUC gave National Grid **temporary** approval to use the site in light of an emergency but this should never be considered for a permanent solution.

LNG tankers even though on wheels are still LNG tanks.

Even National Grid knows and says in their filing to the PUC that the alternatives are substantially more expensive. Old Mill Lane is not the right place but easiest and least expensive for them.

The facility must not remain at Old Mill and certainly not expand.

Sincerely,
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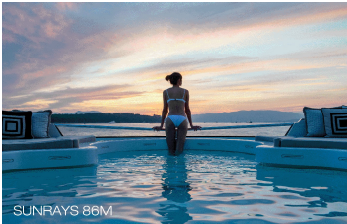
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