



April 30, 2019

Vincent Frigeria
PSEG LI
External Affairs
333 Earle Ovington Blvd.
Uniondale, NY 11553

Re: Montauk Substation

Dear Mr. Frigeria,

First, I'd like to thank PSEG-LI for hosting the April 2nd Open House at the Montauk Playhouse where there were dozens of knowledgeable planning, engineering, construction, design and distribution professionals on hand to speak with members of the Montauk community about Montauk electrical load growth, the condition of our current substation infrastructure, and potential new substation locations.

First and foremost, Concerned Citizens of Montauk, with over 1,200 members, believes that we should do everything in our capacity to reduce energy usage and demand. We must build smarter, more efficient homes, and retrofit existing homes and business with more energy efficient technologies. We do understand that, even if Montauk's load wasn't increasing, current substation technologies are antiquated, obsolete and would require an upgrade anyway. We applaud the Town's request to move the current vulnerable substation, on the immediate shore of Fort Pond on Industrial Road, and PSEG-LI's willingness to explore alternative sites.

Concerned Citizens of Montauk performed an environmental assessment of the Montauk substation site options which were presented at the April 2nd Open House; Edward Ecker Park, North of Landfill, Navy Road, Flamingo Road, and Existing Industrial Road Site. We assessed criteria such as coastal resilient location, level of existing site disturbance (environmental and ecological value), level of clearing needed and possible habitat destruction, potential water quality concerns, and if applicable, the environmental and ecological value of any land swap parcel.

In summary, CCOM would support a substation location which will be resilient to sea level rise and storm surge; a site which has been previously disturbed and has a lower environmental and ecological value; a site with as little additional clearing necessary as

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possible; a site in which planned activities have the least impact on drinking, ground and surface waters; and a site with which the Montauk community supports.

As such, **the only site CCOM would support would be the North of Landfill Land Swap option** that was presented on April 2nd, **or a comparable site** to be determined and agreed upon by the Town of East Hampton, County of Suffolk, PSEG-LI and the Montauk community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or would like to discuss any other potential sites which may come under your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Tooman
President
Concerned Citizens of Montauk



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