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To: Town of Union Vale Residents (Sky Acres Airport vicinity)

Re: “Cricket Valley” Transmission line project

Dear Resident,

This correspondence is to inform residents of the Town of Union Vale in the vicinity of the Sky Acres Airport and existing Con-Edison power line corridor of the construction project that has initially begun at those sites.

As some of you may be aware, a large installation project will take place, which will entail the construction of a new power generation station plant to be located in the Town of Dover N.Y. and a new electrical transmission line of approximately 14.5 miles that will transverse several townships including the Town of Union Vale.

After several months of discussion with the N.Y.S. Public Service Commission who has oversight in these types of construction activities, it appears any approvals from my office are exempt from any oversight by Town of Union Vale based on Section 126 of the P.S.Law.

That being said, I believe it is prudent to explain to all residents, what will take place over the next two years for this project. I have recently attended a pre-construction meeting in Poughkeepsie to allow us to gain a scope of the project and ask any questions pertaining to this project. I held off sending this letter out, until this meeting was completed to give you correct information pertaining to this project.

The project has initially started with a staging area located at the Sky Acres Airport site. This will house equipment, materials and office trailers for personnel involved with the project. This site will however, also have at times, various tractor trailers coming into the site for deliveries. I have strongly urged the contractor to limit these deliveries at later times in the morning to least effect our residents. This will also include deliveries to and from the various entrance locations along the transmission line corridor. All safety precautions will take place to insure both safety and traffic flow to these areas. Large sections of the “Mono-pole” type structures may be observed from time to time on the roadway. In addition, the state regulatory agencies for this work have mandated use of commercial type helicopter’s for both delivery and construction. You may notice at various times large helicopter’s in use in and around many of the project locations. This will allow personnel, material and equipment to be brought to remote areas of the work area. Again all safety precautions will be taken and this office will try to limit times of use for these practices to the best of our ability.

The project does also include some major clearing of both trees and vegetation for this installation. You may notice various areas along the Con-Edison R.O.Ws as work proceeds. This has been approved and all adjacent property owners are to be notified by the contractor overseeing the project for this tree clearing work.

The project scope is expected to start, at the earliest, at the beginning of October 2017 and continue through March 2019 for anticipated completion. There is no expected lapse in work over the winter months, so this work will continue throughout the year. I will however from time to time inspect certain areas of the project for various items related to storm water and any issues that may come from complaints etc....

Below please find contact information for any issues that may concern you over the course of this project. I will try to facilitate any concerns and or complaints that may occur during this construction project. At any time please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
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