



# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am appealing for your help to correct a travesty occurring in my community of East Hampton. PSEG is constructing a 6-mile-long overhead transmission line built to 33 kilovolt standards and replacing existing 29- to 38-foot poles with poles up to 61 feet tall. This project is taking place in small residential neighborhoods where some homes are but 20 feet from the transmission lines and poles. It is also going up in front of historic homes and across scenic farm vistas. This project is contrary to the Town of East Hampton Comprehensive Plan and contradicts the New York State approved and locally designated Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance.

The Long Island Power Authority prepared an environmental assessment for this East Hampton to Amagansett Transmission Line project, declared lead agency status, and filed a negative declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in October 2013. There was no public review of these documents or public participation in the process.

I have been advised the Town of East Hampton and its residents are legally time barred from appealing under SEQRA. While a previous administration did issue a ministerial street opening permit under the authority of the Highway Superintendent, the lack of public participation and consideration of this project would cause the Town of East Hampton to consider legal remedies, if not for the statute of limitations governing SEQRA claims.

Since this project is under construction as I write this letter, your immediate intervention is requested. This project should be built underground where the electric power serving our citizens will have the highest resiliency, and federal funding from Superstorm Sandy in the hands of New York State should be used to accomplish this.

Yours Truly,

Larry Cantwell  
Supervisor, Town of East Hampton