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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the tentative decision for the Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest.

It is clear that this decision does not reflect sufficient analysis of the cumulative impact of this land use on the surrounding community, which violates the environmental justice provisions in the climate roadmap law. From the beginning, the regulatory process for this substation neglected the language access needs of this community and failed to fully correct the process until it was too late for meaningful community participation to take place. More care must be taken to ensure that this environmental justice community does not continue to bear undue burdens despite state efforts to relieve them.

The certificate in question would allow the Chapter 91 Waterways License appeal process to be cut short. The DEP Waterways Division had ruled that the substation was water-dependent, when in fact its close proximity to water increases the danger of flooding and infrastructure damage due to storm surge, sea level rise and heavy rainfall. The EFSB must fully consider the potential cost of repairs and possible relocation due to water damage related to climate change.

The EFSB must deny the certificate of public interest and stop trying to rush this process, so that the new Governor's administration can reconsider the project in light of an updated environmental justice law and the overwhelming number of concerns expressed by community members and elected officials. This is the least the EFSB can do for the East Boston community.

Sincerely,
Karry Muzzey