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Metropolitan District Commission
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20 Somerset Street, Boston 02108

WILLIAM J. GEARY
COMMISSIONER

September 28, 1983

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

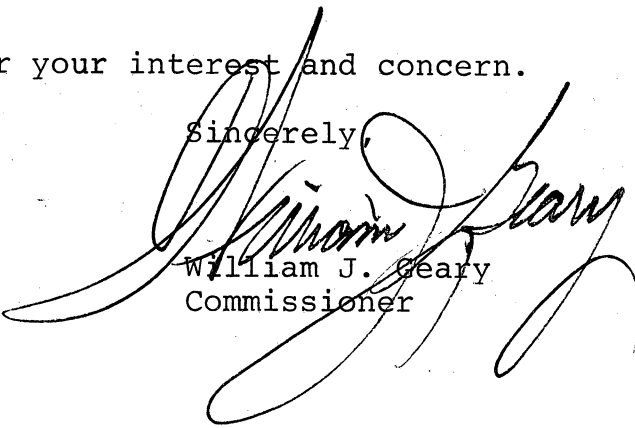
I have received your letter dated September 8, 1983. The Metropolitan District Commission has carefully reviewed Commonwealth Electric Company's request for easements in MDC parkland in Cambridge. The concerns voiced by you and your neighbors - disruption of park services and possible hazards to the sycamore trees - are shared by the Metropolitan District Commission. In an effort to preserve this area, the Commission has rejected Commonwealth Electric's application for a permit to lay cable along the Memorial Drive route.

At this time, Commonwealth Electric is preparing another proposal for our review for the laying of the Alewife/Blackstone transmission line. This plan utilizes a route which would submerge cable into the Charles River and run along the Storrow Drive side of the Charles River. This would eliminate possible damage to the sycamore trees. I am confident that a solution agreeable to all can be reached.

Please feel free to contact our Community Affairs Department at 727-2294 if you require additional information.

Thank you for your interest and concern.

Sincerely,


William J. Geary
Commissioner

WJG/lt

cc: Bob Powers

Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting a comm. from William J. Geary, Commissioner, M.D.C., stating that the Commission has reviewed & rejected the application of Commonwealth Electric Co. for a permit to lay cable along Memorial Drive.

In City Council,

October 3, 1983

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