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September 12, 1983

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Committee on Public Planting

To the Honorable, The City Council:

The Cambridge Committee on Public Planting is opposed to the route proposed in the Commonwealth Electric ENF, EOE file no. 4844. We are a city agency charged with overseeing and enhancing planting in public places -- in parks, in recreation areas, at schools and on the streets of Cambridge.

The route proposed along Memorial Drive is potentially very damaging to the riverside parkland. This is an area used by the whole city for a wide variety of recreational activities. Part of it is graced with a superb avenue of sycamore trees planted in the early part of this century. On summer Sundays Memorial Drive itself is closed to traffic so that the park can be expanded. It is unthinkable that this valuable area should be permanently invaded by utility lines.

Surely a better way can be found to satisfy the needs of the Cambridge Electric Co. than the route and substation proposed. Cannot some trade-off in development be made within Commonwealth Electric or within the New England pool or between Cambridge Electric and Boston Edison which would make this particular route and substation unnecessary?

Mary Kennedy

Mary Kennedy, Chm.
Committee on Public Planting

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Comm. from Mary Kennedy, Chairperson, Comm.
on Public Planting, Conservation Commission
in opposition to the proposed route & sub-
station as proposed by Commonwealth Electric
Co. in EOEa file no. 4844.

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