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ACUSHNET — Eversource Energy has eliminated a controversial trucking component from its proposed 6.8 billion cubic foot LNG storage facility on Peckham Road.

The change was announced in a brief letter from Access Northeast Project Manager Brian C. Kuta to Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher and Police Chief Michael Alves, who had written Eversource to protest the inclusion of trucking facilities on the site.

The project, the company has explained in recent weeks, is not being designed to distribute LNG throughout the Northeast through a partnership with pipeline company Spectra Energy. But language was contained in as a project "resource report" that, depending on circumstances in the future, trucking LNG off the property to other sites would be an option.

This had caused an eruption and anger and frustration, especially from Gallagher, who voiced his objections at a meeting of the LNG advisory Committee, which he chairs.

He said Monday that he is pleased with the change, "This is good news for Acushnet and the surrounding communities," Gallagher said. "The idea of adding LNG tractor trailers on town roads was completely unacceptable."

Equally frustrating was the total lack of mention about any such truck traffic until the resource report was filed May 31 with the FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Gallagher found it when he read through the entire report.

"I don't think I can underscore how big this development is," Gallagher said. "This was never made known to us. This has completely changed the dynamics with the fact that they are stripping all references" to trucks.

The company had said that the truck terminal was needed to provide flexibility in the event of an emergency.

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"It would appear to me that stripping the plan of trucking, that the proponents would not be in a position to remove any LNG," he said.

There is this ability at the existing LNG facility, next door to the proposed new one. Gallagher observed that in the 45 years the facility has been there, this option has never been used.

In his letter Kuta wrote, "While it is not the intent of the project to increase LNG-related truck traffic in Acushnet, we acknowledge your concern regarding the potential for such an outcome if the LNG trucking facilities remain a component of the proposed open access facility and generate interest from multiple customers."

Roger Cabral, a leader of SouthCoast Neighbors United, LNG opponents, said, "It's bizarre.

"So they build it into the resource report and drawing it on their plans and now they make it go away. Do they know what they're doing? Why would you even start down that road if you didn't want it? Who would go to all that trouble if they didn't intend it or were hoping they wouldn't get caught."

"This is a step in the right directions, Cabral said. Now make the tanks go away and I'll be happy."

The selectmen will be receiving the final report from the LNG team on Wednesday at a 6:30 p.m. meeting at the senior center on Main Street.

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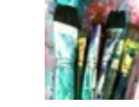
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