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Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293-SO-02 (Somers)** – Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission facility asset condition maintenance improvements statewide to comply with the updated National Electrical Safety Code clearance requirements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated September 25, 2020 regarding a project change to the Petition No. 1293 sub-petition for the above-referenced section of transmission line that was approved by the Council on May 6, 2020.

The proposed project change consists of the replacement of an additional structure (#7902A), within Eversource's right-of-way, due to poor asset condition. The wood monopole structure will be replaced with a light duty weathering steel monopole structure and will be approximately 4.5 feet taller than the existing structure to comply with current conductor clearance requirements. Access to the structure will be from previously approved right-of-way access extending from Durkee Road. The work area was assessed for environmental and archeological resources in accordance with Petition 1293 sub-petition procedures. Work procedures incorporating environmental mitigation measures will be followed in accordance with Eversource's Best Management Practices for the previously approved Project, and site specific recommendations from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to the Council's Petition No. 1293 decision of March 31, 2017 and the May 6, 2020 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed modifications is hereby approved. This approval applies only to the project changes dated September 25, 2020. Any additional changes to the sub-petition decision require advance notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

- c. Honorable C.G. 'Bud' Knorr, Jr. First Selectman, Town of Somers (selectman@somersct.gov)
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