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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1429** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed 1768 Line Lattice Tower Replacement Project consisting of the reconductoring and replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 7 miles of its existing No. 1768 115-kilovolt (kV) double-circuit electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between East Granby Junction in East Granby and the Suffield, Connecticut/Agawam, Massachusetts border, and related electric transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than November 5, 2020. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available. At this time, consistent with the Council's policy to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, please submit an electronic copy only to siting.council@ct.gov. However, please be advised that the Council may later request one or more hard copies for records retention purposes.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Petition No. 1429
Interrogatories - Set One

1. Referring to Petition p. 10, has there been any response from the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") and/or the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices regarding the Phase 1B survey? If so, were any recommendations incorporated into the Project design?

2. Referring to Petition pp. 15-16, what is the status of the Natural Diversity Database review?

3. Referring to Petition p. 16, what is the status of the Northern Long-eared Bat consultation filing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

4. Referring to Petition p. 23, is property owner outreach performed prior to the installation of gravel work pads? If so, are work pad mitigation/design options discussed with the property owner at that point? If not, what post-construction mitigation options are available to the property owner after a gravel pad is installed?

5. Referring to the Project Maps, please provide the following information:
   a. Map Sheet 4 – can a temporary construction work pad be used at Structure #3197, adjacent to the residence at LLN 152? If not, can the proposed gravel work pad be covered with soil and seeded upon completion of work?
   b. Map Sheet 4- can the existing access road between Structure #17057 and Structure #17056 be used to access the work pad for Structure #3197 instead of using a new access drive, as proposed?
   c. Map Sheet 5 – can the gravel pull pad at Structure #3201 be covered with soil and seeded upon completion of work, similar to the pull pad at Structure #3234?
   d. Map Sheet 5 – how will stormwater runoff from the proposed gravel work pad at Structure #3202 be managed so that it does not impact the abutting property at LLN 178?
   e. Map Sheet 8 – how will access to the residence at LLN 251 be maintained during construction for Structure #3219 as it appears the work pad covers the driveway?
   f. Map Sheet 9 – is a retaining wall required in the northwest corner of the work pad at Structure #3225? If so, how will the wall be anchored/stabilized?
   g. Map Sheet 13 – several work pads appear to be located on active farmland. Were temporary mats considered in these areas?