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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 21, 2021

Helen M. Taylor Project Siting Specialist Eversource Energy 56 Prospect Street P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06103

RE: **PETITION NO. 1433** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed 1191 Line Rebuild Project, consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 10 miles of its existing No. 1191 115- kilovolt (kV) single-circuit electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between the existing Frost Bridge Substation in Watertown and the existing Campville Substation in Harwinton, Connecticut, traversing Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield and Harwinton, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Taylor:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your email correspondence dated April 15, 2021 regarding changes to the above-referenced declaratory ruling issued by the Council on January 29, 2021. Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of Council's Decision of January 29, 2021, your request for the following changes is hereby approved:

- Map Sheet 08 (Watertown) construct an additional access road to Structure 3116 within the right-of-way to avoid steep slopes;
- Map Sheet 08 (Watertown) relocate the proposed conductor pull pad work pad 200 feet to the south to allow for a better conductor slope angle; and
- Map Sheet 13 (Thomaston) relocate a portion of the proposed access road between structures 3145 and 3146 to reduce the turning angle required for a crane.

The proposed Map Sheet 08 changes in Watertown would not adversely affect water resources or designated recreational areas in Black Rock State Park. The proposed Map Sheet 13 change in Thomaston includes an additional 247 square feet of temporary wetland impact through the use of temporary construction matting.

This approval applies only to the request for project changes listed in your email correspondence of April 15, 2021. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

c: Kathleen M. Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting, Eversource Energy
Mark Raimo, Town Manager, Town of Watertown (townmanager@watertownct.org)
The Honorable Edward V. Mone, First Selectman, Town of Thomaston (emone@thomastonct.org)

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Subject: 1191 Line Rebuild PETITION #1433 - Access Roads and Pull Pad Change Request

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Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) submits to Council staff a request for review and approval of access road changes in two locations and a shift in location of an existing pull pad within Eversource's right-of-way (ROW). The locations are described below:

Location 1 (Mapsheet 08 of 19) in Watertown:

Due to the steep elevation changes and to mitigate a safety risk for the construction activity at the work pad for Structure 3116, Eversource is requesting an additional in-ROW access road to Structure 3116. This additional access road will provide better access for the drill rig to avoid steeper areas. In addition, Eversource's contractor is requesting the pull pad between structures 3117 and 3118 be shifted approximately 200 feet south towards structure 3177 to allow for a better slope angle of the conductor during pulling. Neither of these proposed changes would adversely affect water resources or designated recreational areas (e.g., hiking trails) in Black Rock State Park.

Location 2 (Mapsheet 13 of 19) in Thomaston:

Eversource is requesting a shift in the location of the northern portion of the existing access road between structures 3145 and 3146. The proposed modified access will allow for a reduced turning angle and will also allow a large crane to more safely maneuver around both the existing structure and the new structure. Temporary construction timber matting would be installed across Wetland W-D12 and Stream S-D09, which would temporarily impact approximately an additional 247 square feet (0.006 acre) of wetlands. Vernal Pool D12-1 is within Wetland D-12 and will not be affected by this proposed change. See the attached revised Mapsheet 13 of 19.

Eversource has briefed Town of Watertown and Thomaston representatives regarding the Project modifications and will notify abutting property owners.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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