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John Morissette, Project Manager
Transmission Siting
Northeast Utilities Service Company
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 424** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation.

Dear Mr. Morissette:

Pursuant to a decision made in accordance with R.C.S.A. §16-50j-62 (b) at a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on October 31, 2013, and in response to your request dated May 13, 2015, Council staff hereby approves the request by Eversource Energy to leave in place permanently, for transmission line structure stability, 900 square feet of fill in wetlands at three 345-kV transmission line structure work pads that include Structure 4 in Lebanon, Structure 22 in Columbia, and Structure 32 in Coventry. The permanent wetland impact would be offset by eliminating a portion of a previously-approved permanent access road across a wetland in Hampton that will avoid 1,324 square feet of permanent water resource impacts. The permanent fill at the work pads for Structures 4, 22, and 32 and the elimination of permanent wetland impact for an area of access road in the Town of Hampton was reviewed and approved by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

This approval applies only to the permanent fill in wetland areas associated with the work pads for Structures 4, 22, and 32 and the elimination of the permanent access road in a wetland near Structure 140 in Hampton as requested in your letter of May 13, 2015. Any additional changes to the D&M Plan require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's approval of the D&M Plan on October 31, 2013. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable Carmen L. Vance, First Selectman, Town of Columbia
Jonathan Luiz, Town Administrator, Town of Columbia
Paula Stahl, Town Planner, Town of Columbia
The Honorable Lisa Thomas, Council Chairwoman, Town of Coventry
John Elsesser, Town Manager, Town of Coventry



Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Coventry
The Honorable Allan Cahill, First Selectman, Town of Hampton
Martha Fraenkel, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Hampton
The Honorable Joyce Okunuk, First Selectman, Town of Lebanon
Philip Chester, AICP, Town Planner, Town of Lebanon