

September 8, 2016

Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Docket No. 424: Interstate Reliability Project
Monthly Construction Progress Report and Completion of Right-of-Way Restoration

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to RCSA Section 16-50j-62(b)(3) and as described in Volumes 1, Section 7, of the *Development and Management ("D&M") Plan for the Interstate Reliability Project ("Interstate"): Modifications to Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation* and the *Interstate D&M Plan for the Construction of New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) hereby provides to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") this Construction Progress Report for the month of August 2016.

As noted in the attached report, site restoration along the Project's rights-of-way (ROWs) was completed in mid-October 2015 and both new 345-kV transmission lines were energized as of mid-December 2015. To verify the success of the ROW rehabilitation, Eversource's environmental consultants monitored the ROWs. Based on the results of this monitoring, which was performed through August 31, 2016, the ROWs have now been determined to be rehabilitated and stabilized. Therefore, Project transmission line construction is complete.

The only remaining Project activities involve station work; specifically, the removal of special protection system (SPS) equipment at Lake Road Switching Station.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

**INTERSTATE RELIABILITY PROJECT
MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
AUGUST 2016**

The Project (3271 and 341 Lines) are in service.

1. MODIFICATIONS TO SUBSTATIONS AND SWITCHING STATIONS

The removal of special protection system (SPS) equipment at Lake Road Switching Station commenced in late January 2016 and remains to be completed. All work at the other stations is complete.

Table 1 (attached) summarizes the status of work at Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation as of August 31, 2016.

2. NEW 345-kV TRANSMISSION LINES AND RELATED MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO ADJACENT LINES

All transmission line construction work, including site rehabilitation, was completed in mid-October. During August, a Project Environmental Inspector (EI) continued to monitor the status of revegetation and stabilization along the restored 345-kV rights-of-way (ROWs). Based on the results of this environmental monitoring for August and the monitoring conducted since mid-October 2015, the ROWs affected by Project construction have been determined to be stabilized. Therefore, as of August 31, 2016, all Project construction activities, including ROW rehabilitation / restoration, are complete.

Table 1
Interstate Reliability Project - Connecticut
Substation / Switching Station Construction Progress Report
(As of August 31, 2016)

Station	Activity			
	Construction Start Date	Site Preparation	Equipment Installation	Testing
Card Street	4/7/2014	100%	100%	100%
Lake Road	4/7/2014	100%	100%	100%*
Killingly	4/7/2014	100%	100%	N/A
Summary: All Stations	4/7/2014	100%	100%	100%

*All station work is complete except for very minor activities involved in the removal of SPS equipment at Lake Road Switching Station. This work was initiated in late January and is yet to be completed.