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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 28, 2020

Susan J. Bellion Project Siting Specialist – Transmission Siting Eversource Energy P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270

RE: **DOCKET NO. 461A** - Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements.

Dear Ms. Bellion:

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-62 (b) and in response to your email of February 28, 2020, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) staff hereby approves a temporary change to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan to allow for extended and daytime work hours to expedite duct installation along Railroad Avenue from a point just west of the Railroad Avenue/Arch Street intersection to the Greenwich Substation, as follows:

- a) Three additional work hours per shift, with work shifts from 7 PM to 6 AM, from March 1 through March 5, including the morning of March 6. To facilitate construction, Railroad Avenue will be closed to traffic as necessary; and
- b) Daytime work shifts from 7 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Saturday, from March 9, 2020 to the end of work segment completion. To facilitate construction, Railroad Avenue will be closed to traffic only on Saturdays, as necessary.

This approval applies only to the temporary additional work hours requested in your email of February 28, 2020. 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 January 17, 2019. 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.

Sincerely

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

c: Kathleen Shanley, Eversource

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Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 10:04 AM

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Subject: Docket 461A- GSLP - Underground Transmission Line D&M Plan - Request for Modified &

Extended Hours - Railroad Avenue

Dear Ms. Bachman:

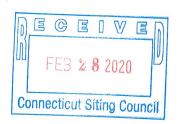
Eversource Energy requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC, Council) staff review and approve modified work hours for the subject project, which will allow for daytime construction along a portion of the Railroad Avenue segment of the GSLP underground transmission line route (refer to the D&M Plan, Appendix F, Map Sheets 15-17).

The approved work hours for GSLP construction on Railroad Avenue, per the GSLP D&M Plan, Appendix C, Traffic Management Plan (Segment 26), are nights from 9 PM to 5 AM Sunday to Thursday. Based on recent discussions with Town of Greenwich representatives and in response to complaints from nearby residents regarding night construction noise, Eversource proposes to modify the work hours as follows:

- Commencing on Sunday, March 1, 2020 through Thursday, March 5, 2020, the night-time hours for work along Railroad Avenue are proposed to be extended from 7 PM to 6 AM, allowing 3 extra hours of work per night. These extended hours are through Friday, March 6, 2020 at 6 AM. During these hours, Railroad Avenue can will be closed to through traffic if necessary.
- 2. Commencing on Monday, March 9, 2020 and extending until the work is completed this Spring, proposed work hours to enable the more efficient installation of the duct bank along Railroad Avenue between Station 119+00 and Greenwich Substation (generally, from the entrance to the Shell gasoline station just west of the Railroad Avenue/Arch Street intersection to Greenwich Substation), are proposed to be performed during daytime hours, from 7 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday and from 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays. If it is necessary to close Railroad Avenue to through traffic, such road closure will <u>only</u> be performed on Saturdays, from 7 AM to 6 PM during this period.

These proposed work hour modifications will allow an additional 3 hours per day of construction, thereby expediting the duct bank installation and significantly reducing the total amount of time required for construction along Railroad Avenue. Eversource anticipates that the proposed changes in work hours will minimize the number of noise complaints received that are related to the construction.

The proposed change in work hours has been discussed and coordinated with Town of Greenwich representatives.



During the hours of construction, Greenwich police will be on hand to direct traffic. Traffic flow patterns and access to nearby businesses will be maintained per the TMP, with any road closures only as specified above.

For the remaining areas of the GSLP cable route along Railroad Avenue (i.e., east of Station 119+00 toward Arch Street), Eversource will continue to perform construction activities pursuant to the approved night-time hours in the TMP, Segment 26.

If you should have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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