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Ms. Melanie Bachman, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 461A: Greenwich Substation and Line Project

Development and Management Plan 115-kV Double Circuit Underground Transmission Lines: Request for Use of Staging Laydown Areas in Bruce Museum Parking Lot 1 Museum Drive, Town of Greenwich

Dear Ms. Bachman:

To support the continued construction of the Greenwich Substation and Line Project (Project), The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) staff approve the following:

## 1. Continued Use of Existing Staging/Laydown Yard for 115-kilovolt (kV) Line Construction.

On December 20, 2019, the Council staff approved the continued use, until June 1, 2020, of a 3,500-square-foot temporary staging/laydown yard¹ during the construction of the Project. The laydown yard is in a corner of the Museum's paved parking lot. To facilitate continued Project construction, Eversource's transmission line contractor has reached an agreement with Bruce Museum to extend the use of the staging/laydown area until July 31, 2020. The area, which is enclosed with a temporary chain link fence and locked gate, will continue to be used to store Project construction materials and support equipment, and may be accessed 24 hours a day, depending on the Project's approved day-or night-time construction activities. Use of the area for Project activities does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular access to Bruce Museum, which is closed, due to COVID-19, until August 1, 2020.

## 2. Request for an Additional Staging/Laydown Area for 115-kV Cable Reel Storage and to Support Cable Installation and Splicing

To facilitate the installation of the 115-kV cables, Eversource requests the use of an additional, approximately 6,800-square-foot area within the Bruce Museum parking lot for use as a temporary staging/laydown yard. The proposed additional staging/laydown yard would be in the paved parking area west of and adjacent to the existing Project laydown yard (refer to the attached aerial view and photographs). Eversource has coordinated with the Bruce Museum regarding the use of this additional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The use of the laydown yard in the Bruce Museum parking lot was originally approved by the Council on June 6, 2019 and was anticipated to be used only until the end of December 2019. However, because of its central location along the underground cable route, the yard is a particularly efficient location from which to stage equipment and materials.

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parking area as to support the Project. Accordingly, Eversource proposes to use the yard from June 1 until July 31, 2020. During this time, the yard would be used to store 115-kV cable reels and associated equipment and supplies involved in the cable installation process.

The cable reel storage yard may be accessed 24 hours a day, depending on the Project's approved work hours for cable installation and splicing. As described for the existing 3,500-square-foot yard, the use of the additional staging/laydown area will not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular access to the Museum.

Pursuant to Sections C.2.1 and F.2 of the Project's above-referenced Development and Management (D&M) Plan, Eversource seeks Council staff approval for both the extended use of the temporary staging/laydown area and the additional cable reel staging/laydown area in the Bruce Museum parking lot.

Should you have any questions regarding this D&M Plan change request, please do not hesitate to contact me at via e-mail at <a href="mailto:kathleen.shanley@eversource.com">kathleen.shanley@eversource.com</a> or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Shanley

Att.

Cc: Mr. James Michel, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Town of Greenwich

Aerial view of proposed cable reel laydown / support yard ("Additional space request") in Bruce Museum parking lot. Note: laydown yard will be within paved parking lot, adjacent to existing BAC laydown yard ("current allowable space")



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Views of Bruce Museum Parking lot proposed for LS Cable/Hawkeye-Elecnor cable reel laydown support. View to east, showing existing BAC laydown yard in corner of parking lot, and eastern exit from Bruce Museum parking lot (onto Museum Drive).