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

RE: Docket 461A – Greenwich Substation and Line Project Proposed Contractor Staging Area/Laydown Yard 40 Old Track Road, Greenwich, CT

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On November 9, 2017, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) received a Decision and Order from the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for the above referenced Project. The Council's Decision and Order included 12 conditions with which Eversource must comply in constructing and operating the proposed facilities.

Condition 3 of the Council's ruling requires Eversource to identify "areas for staging and equipment lay down, field office trailers, sanitary facilities and parking. In addition, the requirements set forth in the January 17, 2019 Council approval of Eversource's partial Development and Management Plan (Volume 2, Part 1), Decision and Order Item "e" requires that the proposed staging area/laydown yard locations be submitted to Council staff for approval. Accordingly, Eversource submits the above-referenced proposed contractor staging area/laydown yard to the Council for staff review and approval.

To support material deliveries, storage and related construction activities for the Project, Eversource's construction contractor, Blakeslee Arpaia Chapman, Inc., proposes to use a portion of a commercial property, located at 40 Old Track Road, in the southern portion of Greenwich.

The proposed staging area/laydown yard is located on an approximately 18,000 square foot portion of a larger 2.49 acre property. Attachment 1 illustrates the site location and highlights the portion of the property to be used for the staging area/laydown yard. The property is a narrow strip of land, triangular in shape with the Metro-North railroad and Interstate 95 located to the east and southeast. To the northeast is a paved auto parking lot associated with a nearby auto dealership and other commercial uses along Old Track Road. Residential uses are located to the west and northwest along Old Track Road and Spring Street.

Analysis of U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps and aerial photography indicates that the property was cleared prior to 1934 and has been used for material and equipment storage since at least 1960 to the present time. The site does not encompass any water resources and is not located within a floodplain.

A review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental (CTDEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) no mapped NDDB areas are located at the site or within 0.25 mile.

The staging area/laydown yard will include construction trailers and portable bathroom facilities and will be used for the following types of construction support activities:

- Storage of construction equipment such as excavators and front-end loaders;
- Parking construction vehicles, as well as the personal vehicles of construction personnel;
- Surface storage of construction material such as conduit pipe, trench boxes and clean granular fill (processed stone)

No site preparation work will be required and there will not be any on-site fuel storage at this location. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the site, as necessary, to minimize the potential for off-site erosion and in accordance with *Eversource's Best Management Practices Manual for Connecticut*.

Enclosed please find this original and two copies of the proposed staging area/laydown yard submission. Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

