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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 18, 2019

Kathleen M. Shanley Manager-Transmission Siting Eversource Energy 56 Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06103

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. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 16, 2019 regarding a revision to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the above-referenced project. The revision requests a change to the Greenwich Substation Landscape Plan to remove a 40-foot long section of an existing row of arborvitae trees located along the southwest property line where excavation work has exposed the trees' root systems. Additional drilling in this area of the property would further impact the trees, leading to a reduced chance of tree survivability.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-62(b), your request for approval of the revised Landscape Plan is hereby granted. This approval applies only to the D&M Plan revision dated October 16, 2019. Any significant changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

c: Council Members

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October 16, 2019

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 Greenwich Substation (Volume I-Part 2B)

Proposed Modifications to Landscape Plan: Additional Arbor Vitae Removal

Dear Ms. Bachman:

In accordance with the above-referenced Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Greenwich Substation and Line Project (Project), the Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) proposes modifications to the Landscape Plan as (August 2019, D&M Plan, Appendix E) for the Greenwich Substation, located at 290 Railroad Avenue in the Town of Greenwich.

Specifically, during recent excavation activities on the site for two of the drilled shaft foundations required for the substation's perimeter wall, Eversource determined that approximately 40 feet of an arbor vitae hedgerow, located along part of the southwestern property boundary, must be removed. Although Eversource initially expected that the trees in this area could remain in place, the initial excavation work has exposed the trees' root systems and the performance of the drilling will unavoidably further impact the survivability of the trees. Eversource has discussed the removal of these arbor vitae trees with representatives of the Town of Greenwich.

The attached photographs illustrate the location of the arbor vitaes to be removed along the southwestern portion of the substation site. The attached mark-up of the August 2019 Landscape Plan highlights the proposed tree removal area which is shown in red.

Pursuant to Sections C.2.9 and F.2 of the above-referenced D&M Plan, Eversource seeks the Council staff's approval for the proposed tree removal.

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.

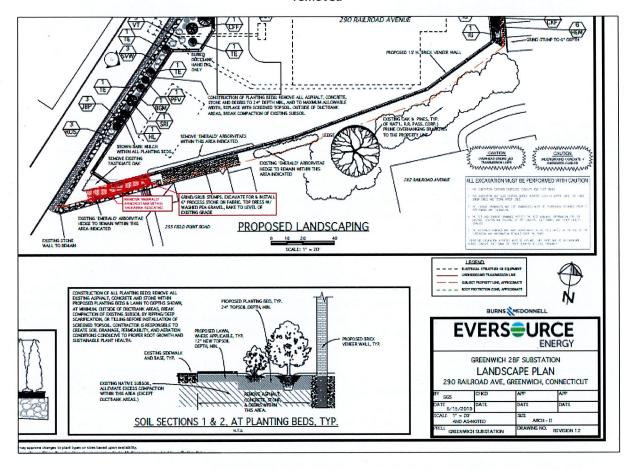
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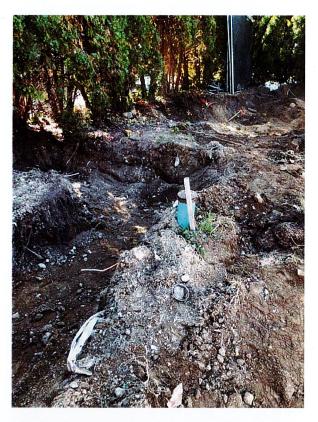
Kathleen M. Shanley

Attachments

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

## Excerpt from August 2019 Landscape Plan showing proposed location of 40 feet of additional arbor vitaes to be removed





Views of excavations for two drilled shaft foundations adjacent to which arbor vitaes are propose to be removed. Above view to southwest showing roots affected by initial excavations: below view looking south from substation property toward adjacent building at 255 Field Point Road and arbor vitaes proposed to be removed.

