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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 23, 2019

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 October 23, 2019, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) staff hereby approves a temporary change to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for additional construction hours necessary to complete work on the eastern duct bank crossing of Sound Shore Drive. The extended hours will minimize the overall time required to install the duct bank beneath Sound Shore Drive by avoiding work area breakdown and road plating each day.

The additional work hours include continuous work (24/7) between October 28, 2019, starting at 7 AM, to November 1, 2019, ending at 6 PM. The D&M Plan Traffic Management Plan for Work Segment 2 will be implemented for the duration of the work, including Traffic Detour Plan 1, for the portion of the duct bank installation that crosses the road.

This approval applies only to the temporary additional work hours requested in your email of October 23, 2019. 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**

Kathleen Shanley, Eversource



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Subject: Docket 461A: Greenwich Substation and Line Project, Underground Transmission Line D&M Plan, Request for Extended Work Hours on Sound Shore Drive (East Crossing); 10/28/19-11/1/19

Dear Ms. Bachman:

To expedite the construction of the underground 115-kV transmission cables, Eversource requests extended work hours at the Sound Shore Drive (East Crossing).

The 115-kV underground cables cross Sound Shore Drive in two locations near the Cos Cob Train Station. At the eastern Sound Shore Drive crossing, near the Cos Cob Substation and entrance to Cos Cob Park, the cable trench was partially excavated in August. However, due to conflicts with underground utilities (which were found in locations and depths other than expected), the cable trench depth could not be achieved, and the cable duct bank could not be installed.

A resolution has now been reached regarding the approach for installing the 115-kV conduits beneath Sound Shore Drive, while avoiding impacts to the existing buried utilities. Accordingly, Eversource seeks to perform the Sound Shore Drive (east) crossing on a 24/7 basis, commencing at <u>7 AM on Monday, October 28, 2019 and continuing to 6 PM on Friday, November 1, 2019</u>. The 24/7 work would expedite the completion of the crossing, as the affected trench area would not have to be closed and plated at the end of each workday.

As defined in the Traffic Management Plan (D&M Plan, Appendix C, TMP, Segment 2), the construction of the 115-kV lines beneath Sound Shore Drive at this location is approved for 7 AM to 6 PM Monday to Friday and 9 AM to 5 PM Saturdays. Per the TMP, during the road crossing, Sound Shore Drive will be closed, and Detour Plan 1 will be implemented; Greenwich police will be on hand to direct traffic.

Access to Cos Cob Park will be maintained at all times, as will access to the Cos Cob Train Station parking lots. The proposed extended work hours are proposed only on the above-referenced Monday-Friday to avoid construction on Saturdays, when various Fall recreational activities at Cos Cob Park increase traffic volumes on Sound Shore Drive.

Eversource consulted with Town of Greenwich representatives regarding this extended work hour request.

Should you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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