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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 7 AM on Monday, October 28, 2019 and continuing to 6 PM on Friday, November 1, 2019. 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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