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Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman  
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RE: Docket No. 466: Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kV Project  
Commencement of Operation: New 1854 115-kV Transmission Line, Project Status Update  
Regarding Site Rehabilitation, and Request for Temporary Suspension of Independent  
Environmental Inspections during the Winter of 2018

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(b)(4) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), Condition 11 of this Docket, and Section 7.1 of the *Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kV Project (Project Development and Management (D&M) Plans for the New 115-kV Transmission Line and Related Transmission Line Modifications and the Modifications to the Frost Bridge Substation and Campville Substation*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) hereby informs the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) that the new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and the related substation modifications (i.e., the 1854 Line) were energized and placed into service on December 16, 2017.

The remaining Project work consists of the equipment modifications at Campville Substation to complete the separation of the 1191 and 1921 115-kV transmission lines (of which all work will be within the fenced substation area and consist of the removal and replacement of the existing 2T breaker with the new PASS GIS breaker, associated equipment installation, and punch list tasks such as the installation of substation lighting, battery enclosure platforms, etc.) as well as the rehabilitation (stabilization and restoration) of the areas affected by the installation of the Project facilities.

Following initial stabilization and restoration of the transmission line right-of-way (ROW) and the areas of the Frost Bridge and Campville substations affected by Project modifications, restoration crews will demobilize from the Project area for the winter. Additional stabilization and restoration activities, along with the installation of the landscape plantings at Frost Bridge Substation (pursuant to Condition 2(d) of this Docket) will be performed in the spring/early summer of 2018, with the schedule for such work dependent on weather and soil conditions.

During the winter months when the ground is frozen and Project-related restoration work is inactive, Eversource requests that the Council agree to reduce the frequency of the independent environmental inspections that are performed by TRC on behalf of the Council pursuant to Condition 4 of this Docket.

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Eversource proposes that the Council inspections be scheduled by the independent environmental inspector when the inspector deems it prudent and safe to do so, taking into consideration freeze-thaw cycles, rain/snow events, and soil conditions. It is anticipated that such inspections would be performed less frequently than on a weekly basis. However, the independent environmental inspector would continue to provide weekly reports with the results of the inspections to the Council and involved municipalities, bundling two inspection periods in each report. TRC, the independent environmental inspector, concurs with this approach.

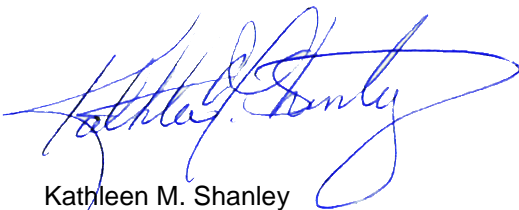
When the Project restoration work resumes in the spring of 2018, the independent environmental inspections would again be performed on a weekly basis, until the completion of site rehabilitation. Eversource anticipates that TRC's final report will include an overall review to verify the completion of site rehabilitation.

During this time, Eversource's environmental compliance monitor also will continue to perform required monitoring, pursuant to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's *General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters Associated with Construction Activities* (General Permit). In addition, other Project representatives will continue to periodically monitor the ROW and substation sites, as prudent, based on weather, snow cover, and safety considerations.

After the completion of site rehabilitation and the performance of the independent environmental inspections, Eversource's environmental compliance monitor will continue to perform post-rehabilitation inspections of the Project ROW and substation sites to verify that final stabilization is achieved, pursuant to the conditions of the Project's other regulatory approvals such as the General Permit.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [kathleen.shanley@eversource.com](mailto:kathleen.shanley@eversource.com) or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,



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