

September 14, 2016

Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Docket No. 466: Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kV Project
D&M Plan Change Notice Request Pursuant to Decision and Order Condition 2(c)
Proposed Material Laydown and Staging Yard: 529 Burlington Road, Town of Harwinton

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), Condition 2(c) of the Council's Decision and Order in Docket No. 466, and Section 7.2 of the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the *Construction of the Frost Bridge to Campville Project (Project) New 115-kV Transmission Lines and Related Transmission Line Modifications*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) submits the above-referenced proposed material laydown and staging yard to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for review and approval.

The proposed yard is located at 529 Burlington Road (State Route 4), in the eastern portion of the Town of Harwinton, adjacent to the Town of Burlington border. Figure 1 (attached) illustrates the location of the yard.

Eversource proposes to use the yard for the storage of materials and supplies for the Project, including transmission line structures, anchor bolts, conductor, hardware, and other items. Such materials will be delivered to and stored at the yard prior to being transported to specific work sites along the Project right-of-way by Eversource's Project construction contractor.¹ On the yard site, Eversource proposes to stockpile large materials in the open and to store smaller items in three interior storage areas on the yard site.

The proposed yard is located on an approximately 15-acre portion of a larger property owned by JRD Properties Harwinton LLC. The property was historically used for aircraft and related operations for Johnny Cake Airport, the runways for which straddled the Harwinton-Burlington boundaries. The topography of the site is flat, at an elevation of approximately 1,000 feet.

The yard site is bordered by the airport runway area to the east, wooded areas to the west and south, and two restaurants (the Landing Strip Grille and Countryside Restaurant) adjacent to State Route 4 (Burlington Road) on the north. Scattered commercial uses (e.g., self-storage areas) also border State Route 4, which traverses generally east-west north of the site and affords primary access, via Town Line Road, to the site. One residence is situated approximately 1/8 mile northeast of the entrance to the yard, northeast of the Countryside Restaurant, on the north side of State Route 4.

¹ Note: This yard is proposed for use only for material storage, laydown, and staging. Eversource's Project contractor(s) are responsible for identifying sites for their construction staging purposes. When identified, such sites will be submitted to the Council for review and approval.

A review of historical photographs demonstrates that the entire yard site was extensively disturbed, over decades, as a result of the past airport use (refer to Figure 2). The site is not located within a floodplain; has no potential to contain intact cultural resources (due to extensive past earth disturbance); and is not directly proximate to any residential uses. A review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) publicly-available maps (June 2016) demonstrates that there are no state-or federally-listed species or significant natural communities near the yard site.

Currently, the site is characterized by former airport buildings, paved and graveled areas used for school bus and other parking, and previously disturbed areas with herbaceous vegetation growth. During field investigations of the site for the proposed yard, Eversource's environmental consultant, Tighe & Bond, delineated several small wetlands (refer to Figure 1).

Some site preparation work, consisting of mowing herbaceous vegetation and adding gravel, will be required to create a level base for material storage activities on upland portions of the yard site. To avoid inadvertent impacts to the on-site wetlands during material storage and laydown activities, Eversource will deploy and maintain silt fence or equivalent erosion and sedimentation controls around the boundaries of the wetlands on the yard site, and also will erect orange snow-fencing (or equivalent) to clearly demarcate that these areas are to be avoided. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained in accordance with the *Best Management Practices* presented in the Project D&M Plan.

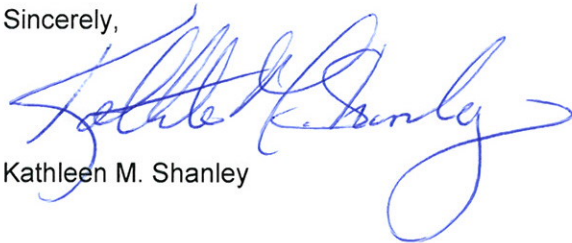
Eversource's proposed use of the yard will not interfere with the use of other portions of the property for purposes, such as school bus parking.

Eversource is providing notice of this proposed D&M Plan change to the chief elected officials of the towns of Harwinton and Burlington.

Enclosed please find an original and 15 copies of this submission.

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 or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Shanley

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Michael R. Criss, First Selectman, Town of Harwinton
The Honorable Theodore Shafer, First Selectman, Town of Burlington

Figure 1: Site Location Map



Figure 2: Historical Site Photograph: Johnny Cake Airport Circa 2012



Source: http://www.airfields-freeman.com/CT/Airfields_CT_W.htm#jonnycake