AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

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COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

Pursuant to Section VIII of the Connecticut Siting Council's Application Guide for an Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility dated February 2016, I hereby certify that on or about June 30, 2016, I caused the attached notice regarding an Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") with the Connecticut Siting Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project, which includes construction of a new approximately 3.4-mile 115-kilovolt (kV) overhead electric transmission line between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel and Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield, related modifications to Plumtree Substation and Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield, and the reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV transmission lines that presently connect to Stony Hill Substation, to be sent to the community groups set forth on the attached mailing list.

David L. Coleman Project Manager

On this the 29 day of June, 2016, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, David L. Coleman, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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CYNTHIA L. RIOUX
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires
June 30, 2016



June 27, 2016

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS REGARDING THE SOUTHWEST CONNECTICUT RELIABILITY PROJECT

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is providing notice to community groups, including Chambers of Commerce, land trusts, environmental groups, trail organizations, historic preservation groups, advocacy groups for the protection of Long Island Sound and river protection organizations within the watershed affected by the proposed facility or that have been identified by a municipality where the facility is proposed to be located or those community groups that have registered with the Connecticut Siting Council to be provided notice, of its intent to apply to the Connecticut Siting Council on or about June 30 for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project ("Project").

Eversource is proposing to construct a new approximately 3.4-mile 115-kilovolt (kV) overhead electric transmission line from Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel, through an eastern portion of the City of Danbury, to Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield. Eversource also proposes to modify facilities and existing 115-kV line interconnections at its existing Stony Hill Substation, also located in the Town of Brookfield, and make modifications at Plumtree Substation. The transmission line would be located within Eversource's existing right-of-way

This notice is provided pursuant to Section VIII of the Connecticut Siting Council's Application Guide for an Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility (adopted February 2016).

Details regarding the Project are set forth in the enclosed notice.

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY DOING BUSINESS AS EVERSOURCE ENERGY

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David L. Coleman Project Manager Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project

Notice of Application by The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy for Approval of a New 115-kV Electric Transmission Line in the Municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, Connecticut

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-50/(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Section 16-50/-1(e) of the regulations of the Connecticut Siting Council, and the Application Guide for an Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility of the Connecticut Siting Council (adopted February 2016), notice is hereby given that The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) will on or about June 30, 2016, submit an Application to the Connecticut Siting Council seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Application) for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project (Project).

The Project includes construction of a new approximately 3.4-mile 115-kilovolt (kV) overhead electric transmission line between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation (located at 16 Walnut Hill Road in the Town of Bethel) and Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield, related modifications to Plumtree Substation and Stony Hill Substation (located at 49 Stony Hill Road in the Town of Brookfield), and the reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV transmission lines that presently connect to Stony Hill Substation. All of the proposed Project facilities will be located within Eversource's existing, long-established right-of-way (ROW), which extends through portions of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, or on Eversource-owned properties in those municipalities.

The Project is needed to bring the electric supply system in the Housatonic Valley-Norwalk-Plumtree electrical sub-area of Southwest Connecticut into compliance with national and regional reliability standards and criteria by eliminating potential thermal overloads and voltage violations identified in studies conducted by Independent System Operator-New England, the regional system planning authority.

The Application will describe the need for the Project; identify the proposed Project facilities; characterize the existing environmental conditions along the Proposed Route for the new 115-kV transmission line and at the Plumtree and Stony Hill substations; evaluate the Project's potential environmental and social impacts, along with measures to mitigate such impacts; and discuss the alternate routes and configurations considered for the new transmission line, including an evaluation of the environmental, engineering, reliability, operability, and cost considerations associated with those alternatives. If approved by the Connecticut Siting Council, Project construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2018. The new transmission line is proposed to be completed and in-service by the end of 2018.

For further information about this Project, please visit <u>www.Eversource.com</u>, call 1-800-793-2202, or email TransmissionInfo@eversource.com.