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Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 468** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated February 13, 2018 regarding a revision to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the above-referenced project that was approved by the Council on July 21, 2017. Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-62(b), your request to relocate a temporary construction access road between transmission Structures 1011 and 1012 to avoid recently discovered soil stockpiles is hereby approved.

The access road relocation would extend for 490 feet and would be approximately 8 to 20 feet west of the approved location presented in the D&M Plan. The access road relocation is necessary to avoid extensive grading in the stockpile area that would be required to create a safe work space for construction equipment. Such grading could increase the potential for sedimentation into an adjacent wetland located between the two structures. The relocated access road would remain in Eversource right-of-way and would require an additional 5,290 square feet of temporary timber matting to access Structure 1011 through the wetland. Wetland vegetation in the temporary work area consists primarily of invasive species and the work area would be restored upon completion of construction work.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan revision dated February 13, 2018. Any significant changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from the D&M Plan are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: Parties and Intervenors

The Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor, City of Danbury
Sharon Calitro, Planning and Zoning Department, City of Danbury



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