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April 6, 2018

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

RE: Docket No. 468: Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project

Monthly Construction Progress Report – March 2018

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to RCSA Section 16-50j-62(b)(3) and as described in Volume 3, Section A.3.3, of the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project (Project) *Development and Management (D&M) Plans for the New 115-kV Transmission Line and the Modifications to the Plumtree and Stony Hill Substations*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) hereby provides to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") this Project Construction Progress Report for the month of March 2018.

This Construction Progress Report pertains to work on the new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, as well as to the Project modifications at Plumtree Substation and to the modifications at Stony Hill Substation and the associated 115-kV line reconfigurations at that substation.

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

Enclosure

DOCKET NO. 468 SOUTHWEST CONNECTICUT RELIABILITY PROJECT MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT MARCH 2018

1. <u>NEW 115-kV TRANSMISSION LINE</u>

In March 2018, civil work (e.g., establishment of roads/pads) continued in Bethel and Danbury. Soil erosion and sedimentation controls were installed and maintained as appropriate at work sites in all three Project municipalities. Foundation work also commenced; two foundations for the new 115-kV line were installed along the transmission line right-of-way (ROW) in Bethel.

Table 1 (in Attachment 1) illustrates the status of the transmission line construction work as of March 31, 2018.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO PLUMTREE AND STONY HILL SUBSTATIONS

The construction contractor for the modifications to Plumtree Substation mobilized to the site on March 19, 2018 and thereafter commenced site preparation work.

The Project construction modifications to Stony Hill Substation and the associated reconfiguration of the 115-kilovolt (kV) 1770 and 1887 line connections to the substation commenced on September 18, 2017 and continued in March. Specifically, the high voltage cable for the capacitor bank re-connection was installed and tested in March.

Attachment 1, Table 2 summarizes the status of this work as of March 31, 2018.

3. MINOR DEVELOPMENT & MANAGMENT (D&M) PLAN CHANGES

Two minor D&M Plan changes were identified in March. As described below, both of these changes involve minor shifts in the alignment of on-ROW access roads, which will be located entirely on Eversource property in the Town of Bethel. Eversource has informed abutting property owners of the proposed on-ROW access road shifts. The attached revised D&M Plan Mapsheets 7 and 8 (Rev 1, dated April 2, 2018) illustrate the two access road shifts.

1. On-ROW Access Road Shift: Structure 1014 to Hearthstone Drive, D&M Plan Volume 2, Mapsheet 7.

The proposed shift in the access road between Hearthstone Drive and **Structure 1014** will create a "switchback" that will minimize steep grades and grade changes that would otherwise be required by the use of the currently-approved access road. This will provide safer access for construction vehicles and equipment. The revised road alignment will not change the access road entry point from Hearthstone Drive and will be aligned a maximum of about 50 feet north of the originally proposed road. Overall, the access road will be approximately 40 feet longer than the approved road (about 200 feet vs. 240 feet in length, respectively). The access road shift is located entirely in uplands and will not require any additional tree clearing.

2. On-ROW Access Road Shift: Hearthstone Drive to Structure 1015, D&M Plan Volume 2, Mapsheets 7 and 8.

To reach **Structure 1015** from Hearthstone Drive, the access road entrance off Hearthstone Drive will be shifted to the north by approximately 85 feet. This shift is required because the originally proposed entrance from Hearthstone Drive to the ROW cannot be graded as required due to the

shallow depth of buried utilities at this location (as discovered during Call Before You Dig notifications).

The proposed on-ROW access road shift to the north will avoid the need for grading near the buried utilities. Further, the shifted access road entrance and the westernmost portion of the new access road will follow an existing Eversource on-ROW access road for about 100 feet before diverging south to connect to the pull pad west of Structure 1015. In total, this on-ROW access road will be approximately 200 feet in length (i.e., 100 feet along the existing Eversource on-ROW access road, which would be improved, and 100 feet of new access road). The access road shift is located entirely in uplands and will not require any additional tree clearing.

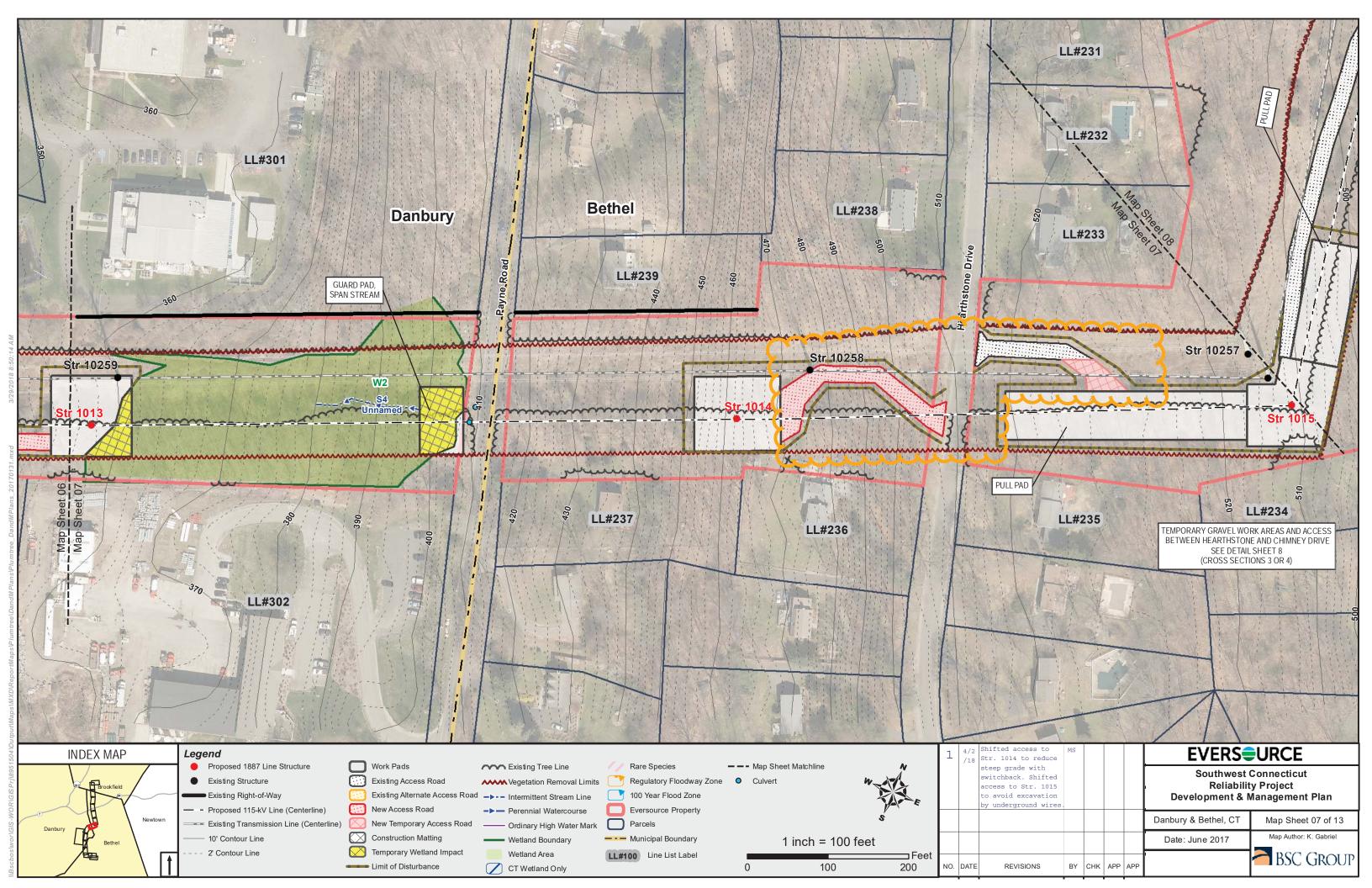
ATTACHMENT 1

Table 1 Transmission Line Construction Progress (March 31, 2018)

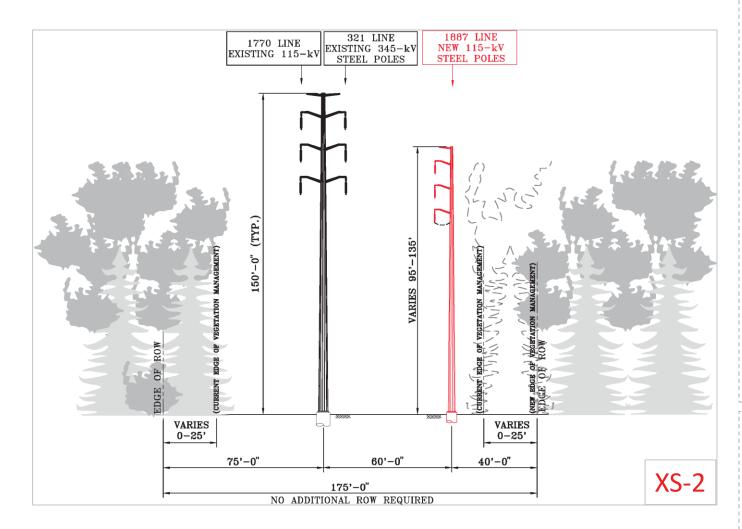
Construction Progress Report		Transmission										
/31/2018		ROW Clearing	Work Area Preparation	Foundation Installation			Structure Installation			Wire Stringing (or Cable Installation)		
Town	Length of Transmission Line (Miles)	ROW Clearing (% Complete)	Pads	Foundations Installed	Total Foundations	Foundations (% Complete)	Structures	Total	Structures (% Complete)	Stringing	(% Complete	
Bethel	2.2	100%	65%	2	17	12%		17				
Danbury	0.9	100%	85%		6			6				
Brookfield	0.3	100%	100%		5			5				

Table 2
Substation Construction Progress
(March 31, 2018)

Location (Substation) Substation	Project Activity (% Complete)										
		Substation	Work	Line Reconfiguration Work							
	Construction Start Date	Site Preparation	Equipment Installation	Testing	Construction Start Date	Structure Installation	Wire Stringing				
Plumtree	3/19/2018	10%	0%	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a				
Stony Hill	9/18/2017	90%	90%	75%	9/18/2017	75%	0%				



SWCT Reliability Project Mapsheet 08 Notes



Str#	X-SI	EC	DESCRIPTION HEIG			FINISH	FOUNDATION		
1015	2	2 VERTICAL DEADEND 135				WEATHERING STEEL	DRILLED SHAFT		
1016	2	2 VERTICAL TANGENT 103		WEATHERING STEEL		DIRECT EMBED			
Line Lis	t		Owner Name			Site Address	Municipality	State	
222	BE ⁻	THEL	LAND TRUST		SK	(Y EDGE LANE	BETHEL	СТ	
223	DY	ER G	AIL A		6 SKY EDGE LANE		BETHEL	СТ	
224	LU	IHRS .	JOHN H & ANITA M		7 SKY EDGE LANE		BETHEL	СТ	
225	BR.	RADLE	EY JOAN GEREG		66 RIDGEDALE ROAD		BETHEL	СТ	
226	BE ⁻	THEL	. TOWN OF		CHIMNEY DRIVE		BETHEL	СТ	
227	GΑ	ARCIA	JUAN C & LISA J		12	2 CHIMNEY DRIVE	BETHEL	СТ	
228	ВU	JRGES	SS KENNETH C & PATRICIA M		14	1 CHIMNEY DRIVE	BETHEL	СТ	
229	RE'	YES L	LUIS M & GENEROSA J		7 CHIMNEY DRIVE		BETHEL	СТ	
230	RO	BINS	SON JASON P & ELIZABETH		9 (CHIMNEY DRIVE	BETHEL	СТ	
231	SEI	IB RC	DY F & OWEN-SEIB DOREEN		12 HEARTHSTONE DRIVE BETHEL		СТ		
232	ко	KE R	OLAND T & DEBRA A		14 HEARTHSTONE DRIVE		BETHEL	СТ	
233	AP	PELLA	NIZ FRANCIS A & JUNE MARIE		16 HEARTHSTONE DRIVE BETHEL		BETHEL	СТ	
234	GΑ	ARLAI	ND RITA M		21	L CHIMNEY DRIVE	BETHEL	СТ	
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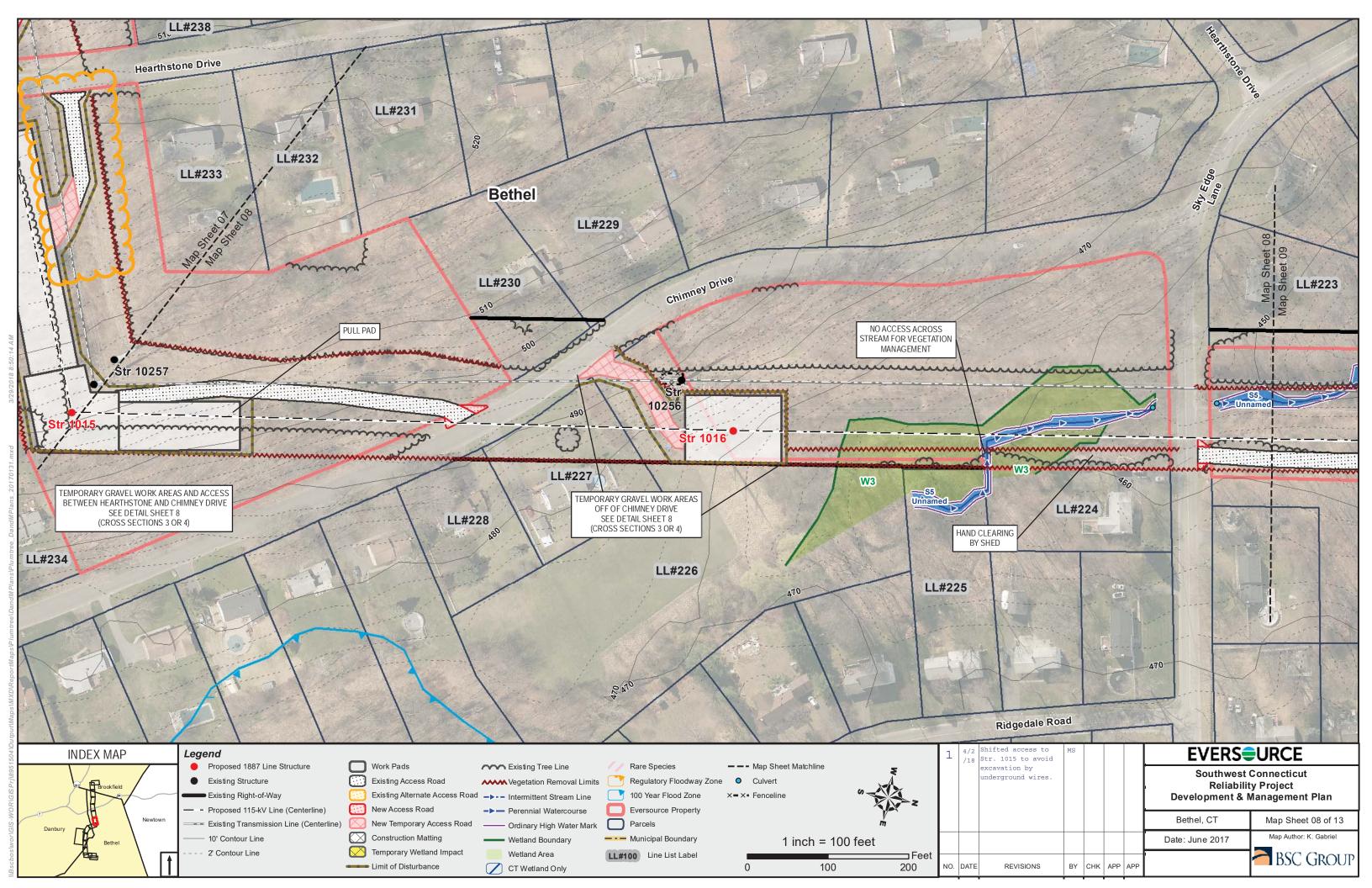
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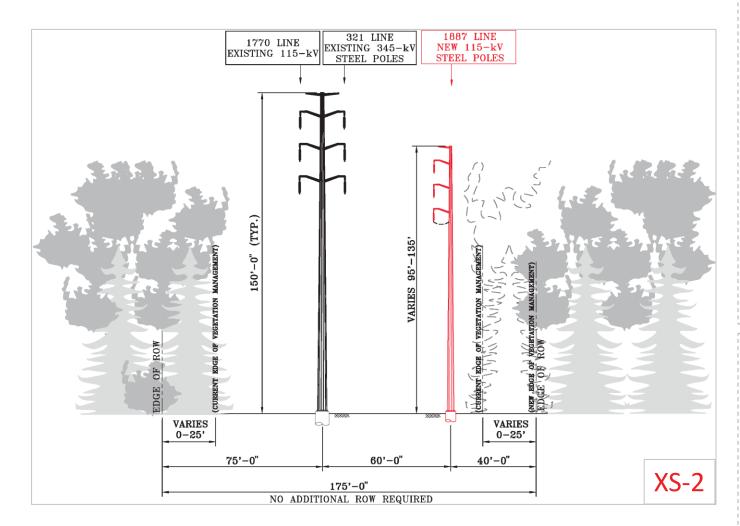
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Line Lis	t	Owner Name		Site Address	Municipality	State
216	TWO S	TONY HILL ROAD LLC		2 STONY HILL ROAD	BETHEL	СТ
217	FOUR S	STONY HILL ROAD LLC	4	4 STONY HILL ROAD	BETHEL	СТ
218	TARGE	T CORPORATION		7 STONY HILL ROAD	BETHEL	СТ
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220	DENNI	S BARRY		12 WESTVIEW DRIVE	BETHEL	СТ
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