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Melanie Bachman
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Re: F-2014/2015—*Eversource Energy Written Comments*

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company, doing business as Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “Company”) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the “Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources – Draft Report ” (“Draft Report”) issued by the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) on November 13, 2015.

Eversource offers the following technical comments on the Council’s Draft Report:

1. The statements regarding the Interstate Connections and Imports on pages 39-40 of the Draft Report should account for the changes from the Greater Springfield Reliably Project and the Interstate Reliability Project. The Company respectfully suggests these statements should be revised as follows:

Interstate Connections and Imports

Connections with other systems outside the State are Critical to overall reliability and economic efficiency. There are ~~44~~ 10 such AC connections or ties: one at 69-kV; one at 138-kV (the underwater set of cables form Norwalk to Long Island); ~~six~~ three at 115-kV; and ~~three~~ five at 345-kV. In addition, the Cross Sound Cable, a DC tie between New Haven and Long Island, is at 150-kV.

Of these interstate connections, the most prominent are a two 345-kV ties with National Grid in Rhode Island; a 345-kV tie with ~~Central Hudson~~ Con Edison in New York state; and five two 345-kV ties lines (~~one 345-kV and four 115-kV~~) with the Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) doing business as Eversource Energy.

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The Central Connecticut Reliability Project is intended to increase the reliability of power transfers from eastern Connecticut to western and southwestern Connecticut. A new 345-kV transmission line would connect the North Bloomfield Substation in Bloomfield and the Frost Bridge Substation in Watertown. Associated upgrades to the 115-kV facilities in the area would also be necessary. This project is still under review by the utilities and ISO-NE. To date, no application has been received by the Council. This project as originally designed was reassessed by ISO-NE and is being replaced by the Greater Hartford/Central Connecticut Project.

2. With regard to Figure 4 on Page 22 of the Draft Report, the Company respectfully suggests that the data identified as “Eversource Conservation” is not consistent with the data set forth in Table 3-1 on page 17 of Eversource’s 2015 Forecast of Loads and Resources for the Period 2015-2024. The information provided on the Company’s Table 3-1 suggests that substantially higher figures should be reported on Figure 4. Accordingly, the Company requests the Council to review Figure 4 in light of the data provided by Eversource in Table 3-1 before issuing a Final Report.

The Company appreciates the Council efforts in preparing the Draft Report. Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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