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RE: *The Connecticut Light and Power Company's Notice of Exempt Modification Pursuant to RCSA § 16-50j-57(b)(2) to an Existing Energy Facility in the City of Middletown, Hartford County, Connecticut ("Notice"): Addition of Pole and Related Modifications within Scovill Rock Switching Station to Support Optical Ground Wire and All Dielectric Self-Supporting Cable*

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource") hereby gives notice to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) of its intent to undertake an exempt modification, in accordance with Section 16-50j-57(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA"), to install a new 30-foot above ground pole and related modifications within its existing 345-kilovolt ("kV") Scovill Rock Switching Station ("the Project"). The Project is required for Eversource's telecommunications program. Specifically, the new 30-foot-tall weathering steel "stub" pole (to be designated Structure 24620) is needed to connect new optical ground wire ("OPGW") and all dielectric self-supporting ("ADSS") on the 362 Line to the control enclosure inside the switching station.

Eversource's Scovill Rock Switching Station property is located south of Freeman Road in the southern portion of the City of Middletown, within an approximately 50-acre Eversource property. Five 345-kV transmission lines connect to the switching station. The 362 Line bypasses the switching station, but the telecommunications facilities on that transmission line will be connected to the station.

The Project proposes to install the stub pole, as well as 200 feet of ADSS within the Switching Station, and implement equipment modifications within the control enclosure. Attachment A illustrates the location of the switching station and the location within the fenced switching station yard where the new stub pole will be installed.

The Project will not have a substantial adverse environmental effect or cause a significant adverse change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics because:

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- The pole and all work to install it would be within the switching station's existing fenced area and would not cause a significant adverse change to the physical or environmental characteristics of the substation. The 30-foot-tall stub pole would be significantly shorter than the existing switching station facilities, which include 345-kV terminations that are approximately 90 feet in height;
- The construction equipment and vehicles required for the Project will use the existing switching station access from Freeman Road to reach the work site inside the station yard;
- Equipment and material staging for the installation of the pole and related modifications will be located on Eversource's station property;
- The work would not affect wetlands or waterways, would not require any vegetation clearing, and would be located entirely within the developed, fenced switching station; and,
- The switching station is not in a flood zone designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Eversource proposes to commence Project construction in late November 2023. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2024 and will be coordinated with a planned outage during that time.

Enclosed please find two copies of this Notice, along with the requisite filing fee of \$625.00. A notice of this exempt modification filing has been provided to the Mayor of the City of Middletown. Please direct any questions or communication to me at 860-728-4564.

Sincerely,



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cc: Benjamin Florsheim, Mayor, City of Middletown

Attachment A: Aerial Map of Scovill Rock Switching Station

Attachment A: Aerial View of Scovill Rock Switching Station: Proposed Stub Pole Location



Approximate Location of Stub Pole 24620