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

RE: The Connecticut Light and Power Company's Notice of Exempt Modification Pursuant to RCSA § 16-50j-57(a) to Existing Energy Facility Site at 175 Shelland Street, Milford, CT 06460, Connecticut ("Notice of Exempt Modification")

Dear Chairman Stein:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or the "Company"), hereby gives notice to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") of its intent to undertake an exempt modification in accordance with Section 16-50j-57(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA") for the modifications to Eversource's East Devon Substation described herein.

## **Proposed Modifications**

The proposed modifications would take place within the existing fenced area at Eversource's East Devon Substation ("Substation"), located on Company property at 175 Shelland Street in the City of Milford, Connecticut. The Substation is a 345- to 115-kV facility with three (3) 345-kV transmission circuits, one (1) 345- to 115-kV transformer, and three (3) 115-kV transmission circuits.

CL&P proposes to remove an existing 345-kV bus support to provide room for the installation of a new 345-kV Sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) series circuit breaker on new foundations within the Substation. (See Attachment A)

The proposed modifications would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect or cause a significant adverse change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the Substation because:

- All modifications would be made within the Substation's existing fenced area.
- All new equipment would be shorter than the tallest existing equipment within the Substation and would not cause any significant adverse change in the physical or environmental characteristics of the Substation.
- The work would not affect wetlands or waterways. The Substation is not in a flood zone.
- CL&P's review of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural Diversity Data Base ("NDDB") identified no state-listed endangered, threatened, or special concern species in the vicinity of the project.
- There would be no television or radio interference.
- Sound-pressure levels at all points along the property line would continue to meet state regulations.
- Electric and magnetic field levels at the Substation boundary would not change as a result of the modifications.

CL&P proposes to commence construction in July 2015. Work is scheduled to be completed by December 2015.

Enclosed are two (2) copies of this Notice of Exempt Modification along with the filing fee of \$625.00.

A notice has been provided to the Mayor of Milford.

Communications regarding this Notice of Exempt Modification should be directed to John Morissette at (860) 728-4532.

By

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Attachment

cc: Mayor Benjamin G. Blake, City of Milford

