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August 28, 2026

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RE: Notification of Emergency Work at Damaged/Inoperable Energy Component at Sandy Hook Substation in Newtown to Maintain Continuity of Service.

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the notification pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50j-57 dated August 28, 2026 regarding damage to the Eversource Energy (Eversource) 37F-1X 25 MVA transformer at Sandy Hook Substation in Newtown and the associated temporary installation of a 78MX 30 MVA mobile transformer until the 37F-1X transformer can be replaced.

Pursuant to RCSA §16-50j-57, the Council hereby acknowledges the need for Eversource to complete the emergency work to maintain continuity of Eversource service.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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- c: The Honorable Bruce Walczak, First Selectperson, Town of Newtown
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Re: Sandy Hook Substation: Notification of Emergency Mobile Transformer Installation

Dear Attorney Bachman:

This notification is provided to inform the Connecticut Siting Council that a transformer at the Sandy Hook Substation, 13 Farmery Lane, Newton Connecticut had failed on or about August 7, 2026 as a result of a lightning strike. An engineering assessment has determined that the failed 37F-1X transformer (115kV-to-23kV, 25 MVA) cannot be repaired and must be replaced.

To sustain reliability of service to Eversource customers and mitigate risk at Sandy Hook Substation to meet load demand, Eversource installed the 78MX temporary mobile transformer (115kV to 23kV, 30 MVA) inside the fence line of the energized facility on August 9, 2026, and was energized on August 15, 2026. The temporary transformer is 47 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 13.5 feet tall.

Design plans are underway for a new transformer to replace the 1X transformer in the same location as a permanent solution. After the new transformer is installed, the temporary mobile transformer will be removed. It is anticipated that the work would be completed by December of 2026¹.

Eversource apologizes for the late notice regarding the installation of the temporary mobile transformer. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,



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¹ Eversource may be submitting a future Notice of Exempt Modification if not a like-for-like replacement for the failed 37-1X transformer.