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Ms. Melanie Bachman
Executive Director
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RE: Notice of Exempt Modification of an Existing Energy Facility in Norwalk, Connecticut
("Notice of Exempt Modification")

Dear Attorney Bachman:

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-57, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") hereby gives notice to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") of its intent to undertake modifications to a portion of Eversource's existing 1146 Line, a 115-kilovolt ("kV") electric transmission line located within the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation's ("DOT") right-of-way for the Metro-North Railroad - New Haven Line in Norwalk, Connecticut and described herein and as shown on the attachment.

Proposed Modification

By way of background, the DOT is undertaking a project to upgrade features of the New Haven Line from just west of the Norwalk River in Norwalk to just east of the Saugatuck River in Westport. DOT's project improvements will include track realignment and crossovers, new switches, new signals and signal houses, new fiber optics, a new permanent submarine cable beneath the Saugatuck River and a temporary submarine cable beneath the Norwalk River. As part of this project, DOT will be removing ten existing catenary structures (Nos. 553 to 562) that support Eversource's 1146 Line, a 115-kilovolt line, and replacing them with 18 new catenary structures from a location approximately near Norden Place to a location near Heron Road in Norwalk (see Attachment A – Project Location Map). DOT will construct the new catenary structures, including the bonnets and hardware that support the 1146 Line conductors and shield wire.

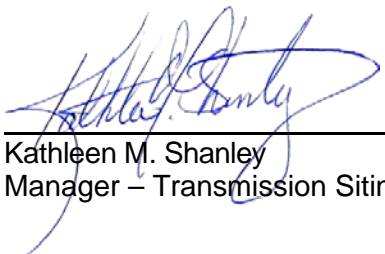
The new catenary structures will be located in the same alignment and at the same height as the existing catenary structures. Following construction of the new catenary structures, the existing conductors and shield wire will simply be transferred (“clipped”) into the new catenary structures.

Eversource’s proposed modification to shift the existing 1146 Line onto the new catenary structures would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect or cause a significant adverse change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the existing facility because:

- the existing 1146 Line will retain its same alignment within the DOT right-of-way;
- the new catenaries will not require an increase in height of the existing Eversource conductors and shield wire;
- the modification will not increase noise levels;
- electric and magnetic field levels will not change; and
- the modification will not cause a significant adverse change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the line.

A notice of exemption modification filing has been sent to the Mayor of Norwalk. A hard copy of this notice will be delivered to the Siting Council’s office and we understand that we will be billed for the filing fee of \$625.00.

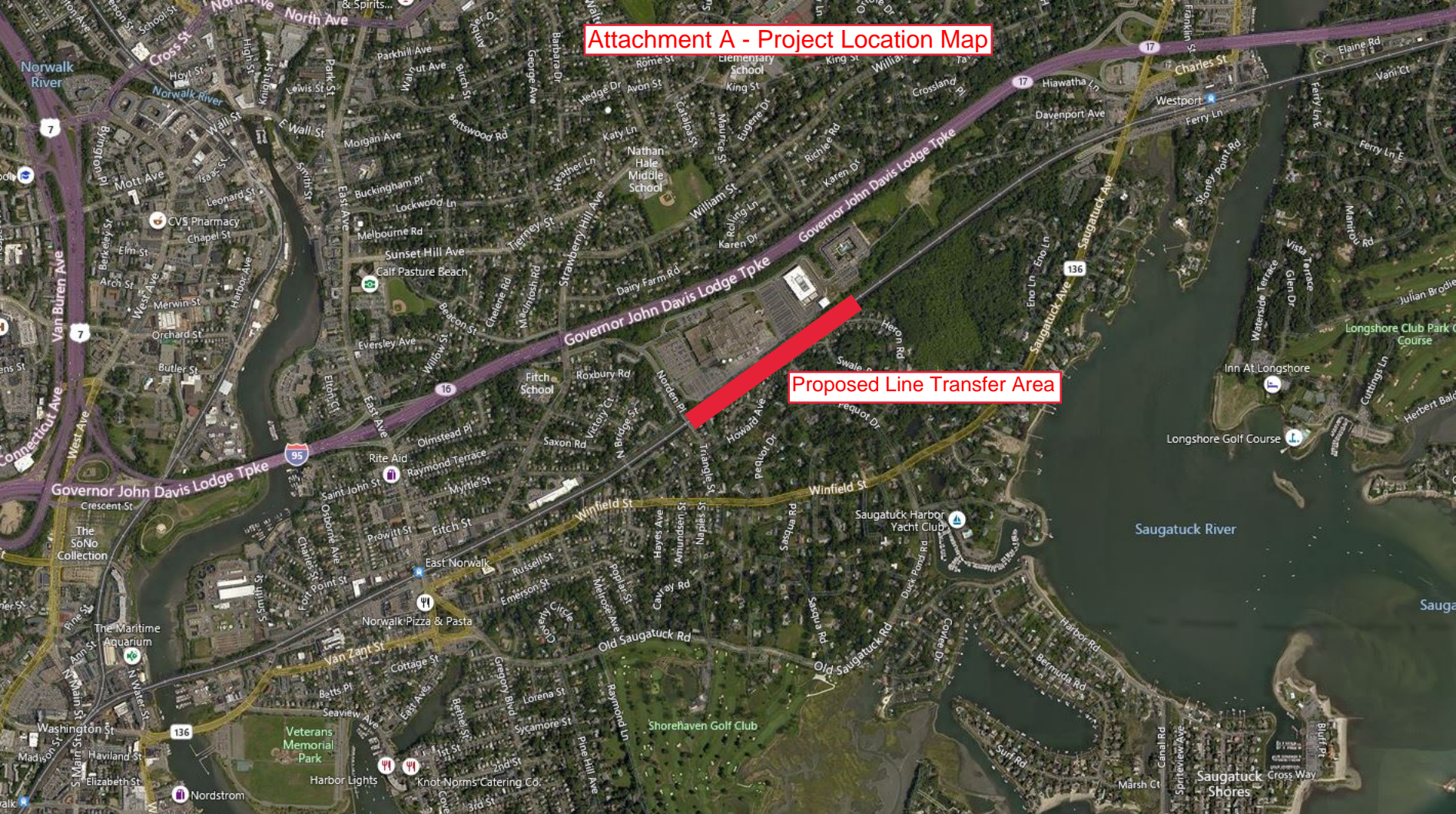
Communications regarding this Notice of Exempt Modification should be directed to Kathleen Shanley at (860) 728-4527.

By: 

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cc: Harry W. Rilling, Mayor of Norwalk

Attachment A - Project Location Map



Proposed Line Transfer Area