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Melanie Bachman, Esq. Executive Director 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 Existing Energy Facility Site at 113 South Main Street in the City of Torrington, Connecticut ("Notice of Exempt Modification")

Dear Ms. Bachman:

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

## **Proposed Modification**

The proposed modification would take place within the existing fenced area at Eversource's Torrington Terminal Substation ("Substation"), located at 1250 South Main Street in the City of Torrington, Connecticut.

Eversource proposes to install a new weathering steel direct-embed monopole to connect a new Optical Ground Wire to the existing control house within the Substation fence. The height of the pole would be approximately 70 feet above ground level (See Figure 1).



Figure 1 - Torrington Substation Pole Proposed Location

The proposed modification 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:

- The modification would be made within the Substation's existing secured fenced area and would not impair the structural integrity of the facility.
- The new pole would not be the tallest existing structure within the Substation and would not cause any significant adverse change in the physical or environmental characteristics of the Substation. The height of the tallest structure in the Substation is 80 feet above ground level.
- The Substation is in a 500-year flood zone; however, no wetlands, or waterways would be affected.
- Eversource'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 Substation.
- There would be no television or radio interference resulting from the modification.

- 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 modification.

Eversource proposes to commence construction in mid-October 2019.

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

A notice of the exempt modification filing has been provided to the Mayor of Torrington.

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

By:

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