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Melanie Backman, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1286 – West Brookfield Reliability Project

Amendment: Relocation of Structures 2688 and 2688A

Dear Ms. Backman:

On April 28, 2017, Eversource Energy ("Eversource") received a declaratory ruling from the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need would not be required for the work proposed in Petition No. 1291 ("Petition"), subject to conditions. On February 7, 2018 Eversource received Council staff approval for the placement of a temporary 2-pole wood structure on the east side of the on-ramp for Route 8 North and Route 15 North (west of Structure #831A) ("Amendment").

Eversource is now requesting approval for the shift of this temporary 2-pole wood structure to be located instead on the west side of the on-ramp for Route 8 North and Route 15 North. This proposed relocation is shown on the attached revised copy of Page 15 of 16 of the mapsheets submitted with the subject Petition and Amendment request (Attachment A).

After performing an additional constructability review and feasibility study, Eversource is requesting this shift to better protect the roadway during wire pulling operations. Due to the current location of Structure #831A on the western edge of the Hawley Lane Mall parking lot, having the temporary structure on the opposite (western) side of the Route 8 North and Route 15 North on-ramp is now preferred to better protect the roadway from excessive sag during wire pulling activity. There will be no change in height or orientation of the originally approved 2-pole wood structure and no additional traffic or roadway impacts are anticipated.

Eversource has been coordinating with the Connecticut Department of Transportation on this proposed structure shift and Eversource herewith respectfully requests the Council's approval for this requested change. Should you, the Council members or Council staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at <a href="mailto:kathleen.shanley@eversource.com">kathleen.shanley@eversource.com</a> or telephone at (860)728-4527.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Final Adopted Aquifer Protection

Whitlow-grass Area

Temporary Construction Mat

1 inch = 100 feet

Brookfield, CT

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