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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 23, 2020

Susan Bellion
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1286** - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed West Brookfield Reliability Project that includes reconductoring of approximately 1.4 miles of its existing No. 1887 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing West Brookfield Substation located at 83 Prange Road and the existing West Brookfield Junction near Pocono Road in Brookfield, Connecticut, installation of two 14.4 Megavolt Ampere Reactive (MVAR) capacitor banks at the West Brookfield Substation located at 83 Prange Road, Brookfield, Connecticut and related substation and transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Bellion:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your request dated July 23, 2020 for an amendment to the location of Structures 2688 and 2688A associated with the above-referenced declaratory ruling of March 20, 2017.

In reviewing this request, the body of the letter references the declaratory ruling issued by the Council in Petition No. 1291 on April 28, 2017. Specifically, this July 23, 2020 request references relocation of temporary structures approved by the Council on February 7, 2018 located near the on-ramp of Route 8 North and Route 15 North adjacent to the Hawley Lane Mall, which is located in Trumbull. Yet, the subject line of this July 23, 2020 request and the attached map references relocation of structures 2688 and 2688A associated with the West Brookfield Reliability Project that are related to the Petition No. 1286 declaratory ruling.

Please clarify your request and whether you are requesting the relocation of structures 2688 and 2688A associated with the West Brookfield Reliability Project (Petition No. 1286), or the relocation of two temporary structures associated with Petition No. 1291.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/ Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Kathleen Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting, Eversource

July 23, 2020

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:

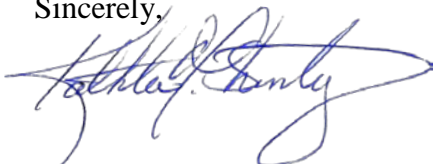
On April 28, 2017, Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) received a declaratory ruling from the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need would not be required for the work proposed in Petition No. 1291 (“Petition”), subject to conditions. On 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.

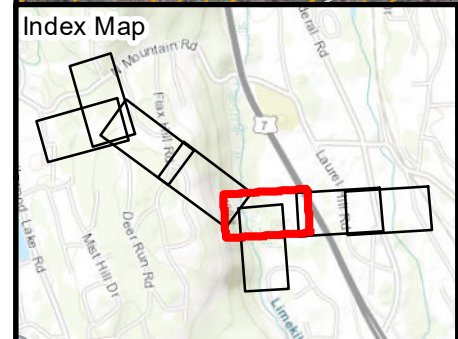
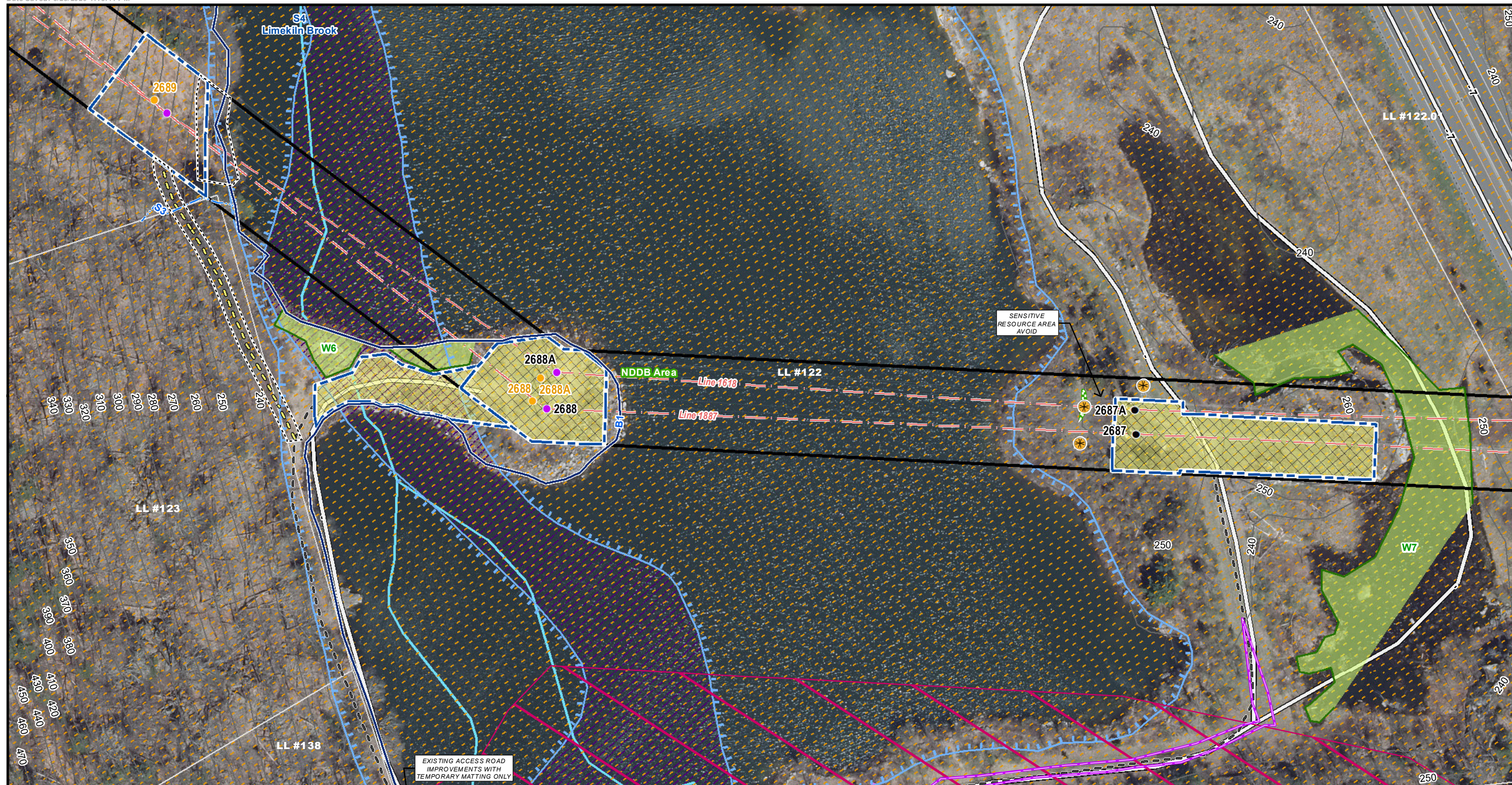
Eversource has been coordinating with the Connecticut Department of Transportation on this proposed structure shift and Eversource herewith respectfully requests the Council's approval for this requested change. Should you, the Council members or Council staff have any questions regarding this request,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

Sincerely,



Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A



Legend	
● Existing Structure	Work Pad/Pull Pad
○ Proposed Structure	Approx ROW Limits
○ Structure to be Removed	Stonewall
● Structure Replacement	Culvert
● Original Proposed Location	Delineated Edge of Bank
— Existing Preferred Access Road	Delineated Intermittent Stream
— New Permanent Access Road	Field Delineated Wetland Line
— New Temporary Access Road	Field Delineated Wetlands
— Proposed Alternate Access	Field Delineated Stream Area
Temporary Construction Mat	Eversource Property
Parcels	Guard Structure
LL#100 Line List Label	Approx Limit of Disturbance/Tree Clearing
Natural Diversity Area	Existing Fenceline
Streams	Temporary Fenceline
FEMA Floodway	Existing Expansion Detail
FEMA 100yr Floodplain	Existing Retaining Wall
FEMA 500yr Floodplain	Existing Access Road
Town Boundaries	Final Adopted Aquifer Protection
Access Gate	Whitlow-grass Area
Whitlow-grass Location	Small Dropseed Area
Sand Dropseed Area	

**WEST BROOKFIELD
RELIABILITY PROJECT**

Revision Date 7/21/2020

Environmental Resources Map

Brookfield, CT
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Source:
 -CT DEEP
 Basemap & Environmental Data
 -Aerial & Topo Imagery
 ESRI, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed,
 DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap,
 increment P Corp., AEX, GEBCO, USDA,
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