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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293-BPKP-01 (Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, and Putnam)** –  
Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and  
Public Need is required for all transmission facility asset condition maintenance improvements  
statewide to comply with the updated National Electrical Safety Code clearance requirements.  
**Request for Project Changes.**

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 29, 2023 regarding project changes to the Petition No. 1293 sub-petition for the above-referenced section of transmission line that was approved by the Council on March 26, 2020. The proposed project changes will occur along Eversource right-of-way and on Eversource property and include the replacement of 40 additional transmission structures on the 115-kV 1505/1132 Transmission Lines in the Towns of Brooklyn (5 structures), Pomfret (19 structures), Killingly (8 structures), and Putnam (8 structures).

Structure replacements include the following:

1. Replace 30 existing single-circuit wood H-frame structures with 30 single-circuit weathering steel H-frame structures;
2. Replace eight existing single-circuit wood three-pole structures with eight single-circuit weathering steel three-pole structures; and
3. Replace two existing single-circuit wood three-pole structures with two single-circuit weathering steel two-pole structures.

The new replacement structures are necessary due to recent in-field surveys that identified the existing structures as deteriorated. The new structures will be located up to 35 feet from the existing structures except for one structure in Pomfret that will be relocated 125 feet from the existing structure to avoid a stream. The new structures would be up to 31.5 feet taller than the existing structures to accommodate new line configurations and to comply with National Electrical Safety Code standards. The work areas will be accessed using existing gravel roads, temporary roads and new gravel roads.

Pursuant to the Council's March 31, 2017 Declaratory Ruling, and March 26, 2020 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed project changes is hereby approved.

This approval applies only to the project changes dated August 29, 2023.

Please be advised that deviations from the standards established by the Council in the Declaratory Ruling are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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