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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293-BS-01 (Bristol and Southington)** – 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.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 14, 2022 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 December 1, 2020.

The proposed project changes will occur within an Eversource right-of-way and on Eversource property, and include replacing four additional wood H-frame structures with weathering steel H-frame structures, as follows:

- Structures 1916 and 1917 on the 1810 Line (single circuit H-frame) in Bristol.
- Structures 1846 and 1848 on the 1810/1825 Lines (double circuit H-frame) in Southington.

The new replacement structures are necessary due to more recent in-field surveys that identified the existing structures as deteriorated. The new structures will be located in close proximity to the existing structures and will be 4.5 feet to 18 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, and access from public roads. There would be no impacts to environmental or cultural resources. Temporary matting would be used to protect an upland area at Structure 1848.

Pursuant to the Council's Petition No. 1293 decision of March 31, 2017 and December 1, 2020 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed project changes, as detailed in your October 14, 2022 correspondence, is hereby approved.

This approval applies only to the project changes dated October 14, 2022.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director