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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 17, 2023

Deborah Denfeld Team Lead – Transmission Siting Eversource Energy 56 Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06103 <u>deborah.denfeld@eversource.com</u>

RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293 - E-01 (Essex)** – 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 Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby acknowledges your notice to replace three transmission structures and add one new mid-span structure within an Eversource transmission line right-of-way in the Town of Essex pursuant to National Electrical Safety Code standards, with the following conditions:

- 1. Any deviation from the proposed transmission line maintenance activity as specified in this notice and supporting materials filed with the Council shall render this acknowledgement invalid;
- 2. Any material changes to this transmission line maintenance activity as proposed shall require the filing of a new notice with the Council;
- 3. Within 45 days after completion of the transmission line maintenance activity, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed **along with a representative photograph of the facility modification**;
- 4. The validity of this action shall expire one year from the date of this letter; and
- 5. Eversource may file a request for an extension of time beyond the one year deadline provided that such request is submitted to the Council not less than 60 days prior to the expiration.

The proposed transmission line maintenance activity is to be implemented as specified here and in your notice dated June 16, 2023. This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

c: The Honorable Norman Needleman, First Selectperson, Town of Essex (<u>nneedleman@essexct.gov</u>) Kathleen M. Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting, Eversource Energy, <u>kathleen.shanley@eversource.com</u> C\User\FontaineL\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\0ULQ&LHC\PE1293-07 17 2023-dcltr Essex E-01.docx