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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 3, 2020

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RE: SUB-PETITION NO. 1293-HCDREOS-01 (Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex and Old Saybrook)– 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 April 2, 2020 regarding a minor project change to the Petition No. 1293 sub-petition for the above-referenced section of transmission line that was approved by the Council on June 5, 2018. On March 22, 2019, the Council granted Eversource an extension of time to complete the project to June 5, 2020.

The proposed minor project change consists of the installation of two temporary guyed wood pole structures and an associated gravel work pad to facilitate replacement of Structures 6977A and 6977B within existing Eversource right-of-way off Bokum Road in Old Saybrook. The temporary wood poles are necessary to relieve tension on the existing structures resulting from the removal of existing guyed structure support wires to accommodate construction vehicle access. The temporary wood poles will be similar in height to the existing structures and will be installed approximately 150 feet southeast of approved Structures 6977A and 6977B. Upon completion of the structure replacements, the temporary structures and associated guy wires will be removed, and the disturbed area restored.

Pursuant to the Council's Petition No. 1293 decision of March 31, 2017 and the June 5, 2018 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed modification is hereby approved.

This approval applies only to the minor project changes dated April 2, 2020. Any additional minor changes to the sub-petition decision require advance notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

- c. The Honorable Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman, Town of Old Saybrook
Christine Nelson, Town Planner, Town of Old Saybrook,



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April 2, 2020

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Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-HCDREOS-01:
1261/1598 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project, Amendment to Sub-Petition

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On June 5, 2018, Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) received from the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) an acknowledgement of the subject Sub-Petition filing to replace 20 transmission structures along an existing Eversource transmission line right-of-way (“ROW”) in the Towns of Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Old Saybrook, subject to conditions. On March 22, 2019, Eversource was granted an extension from the Council to complete the structure replacement activities by June 5, 2020.

Eversource Energy is now requesting staff approval for the following minor change to the scope of work presented in the subject Sub-Petition:

- Install temporary guyed wood pole structures and associated gravel work pad to facilitate replacement of approved Structures 6977A and 6977B in Old Saybrook


The temporary structures will be similar in height to the existing structures and be installed approximately 150 feet southeast from approved Structures 6977A and 6977B within the Eversource ROW and are shown as “*Proposed Temporary Structures and Gravel Work Pad*” on revised Map Sheet 10 dated March 9, 2020 (see Attachment A). The area will be accessed from the approved gravel access road off Bokum Road in Old Saybrook.

Subsequent to the Council’s ruling, Eversource re-evaluated the construction approach for the replacement of Structures 6977A and 6977B and determined that the existing guy wires should be removed to enhance the safe access of large construction vehicles and work crews around the base of the structures and more easily facilitate the structure replacement activities. Installation of the temporary guyed structures would relieve tension on existing structures 6977A and 6977B and allow for the

removal of the existing guy wires. Upon completion of the structure replacement activities the temporary structures and guys will be removed, and the area will be restored to its original condition or better.

Eversource herewith respectfully requests approval for the requested changes. Enclosed please find an original and 3 copies of this submission. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen M. Shanley', is written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager - Transmission Siting

Enclosure

Attachment A

Map Sheet 09
Map Sheet 10

Essex

Old Saybrook

NDDB Area

BOKUM ROAD

1261/1598 Line

TEMPORARY WETLAND IMPACT: 614 SQ.FT.

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACCESS FROM BOKUM ROAD

PROPOSED TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND GRAVEL WORK PAD

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACCESS

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

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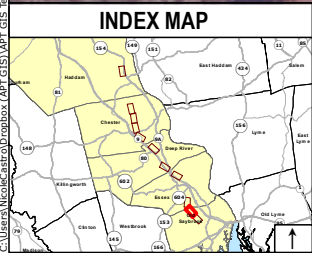
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Map Sheet 10
Map Sheet 11





- Legend**
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|---|---|--|---|
|  Proposed Structure |  Existing Access Road to be Improved |  Wetland Area |  Critical Habitat (2009) |
|  Proposed Temporary Structure |  Proposed Alternate Access (where new rights will be obtained) |  Open Water |  Public Water Supply Water |
|  Existing Structure |  Proposed Access (all necessary rights in place) |  Potential Vernal Pool Extent |  Connecticut Water Compar |
|  Existing Right-of-Way (ROW) |  Hiking Trail |  100' Vernal Pool Envelope |  State-Owned Property |
|  Overhead Eversource Line |  Stone Work Pad |  Temporary Construction Matting |  Eversource Owned Proper |
|  Railroad |  Culvert |  FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone |  Parcel Boundary |
|  Existing Access (all necessary rights in place) |  Delineated Perennial Watercourse |  FEMA Floodway |  Municipal Boundary |
| |  Delineated Intermittent Watercourse |  Natural Diversity Database Area (Dec 2019) |  5' Contour Line |
| |  Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline |  CT New England Cottontail Final Focus Area |  Map Sheet Matchline |
- Legend symbols may not appear on each map page. Base Map Source: CTECO 2019 Aerial Imagery

Map Notes:
Not for Construction. Parcels, ROW boundaries,
and structure locations are approximate (NOT from survey).
Repairs to existing access roads within wetlands with permanent
fills are exempt discharges under 323.4(a)(2) provided that the limit
of fill does not exceed the footprint of the existing fill through
wetlands areas. Maintenance repairs do not include modifications
that change the character, scope, and size of the original fill design.
Temporary impacts associated with construction mats in previously
disturbed wetland and upland areas either within vernal pool (VP) depressions
or management area (100' of VP edge) are eligible under the Army Corps
of Engineers CT General Permit as a Self-Verification eligible activity.



1 inch = 200 feet

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								Haddam Substation to Bokum Substation 1261/1598 Line	
								Old Saybrook, CT	
								Map Sheet 10 of 11	
NO.	DATE	REVISIONS		BY	CHK	APP	APP	May, 2018; REVISED 3/9/2020	

Map Sheet 10
Haddam Substation to Bokum Substation
1261/1598 Line Sub-Petition
Abutters List

<u>Line List Number</u>	<u>Parcel Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Owner Name</u>
197	194 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	GLENN MICHAEL & JUDITH LYNN RICE
198	192 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	GLENN MICHAEL & JUDITH LYNN RICE
199	190 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	LAURIE B SCOTT
200	186 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	JEFFREY T & DONNA L BAGNATI
201	164 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	KENNETH SENEAL
202	BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
203	161 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	MARK C & JAMIE E DOWALIBY
210	BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	PIONTKOWSKI C F LLC ETAL C/O PAUL PIONTKOWSKI
211	129 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	THERESA L & WAYNE L MARTIN JR
212	107 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	MICHAEL A SPERA