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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

September 30, 2021

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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293-LBMW-02 (Lebanon, Bozrah, Montville and Waterford)** –
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 Mr. Alexander:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Bozrah's Request for an Extension of Time to submit written comments concerning Eversource Energy's (Eversource) above-referenced request for approval to replace 46 existing electric transmission line structures to comply with the updated National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) standards on an existing electric transmission line that traverses the municipality of Bozrah.

The Council established a 30-day period from the date notice of the sub-petition is provided to the town and abutting property owners for the submission of any comments or concerns about the project. The current deadline date for comments on this sub-petition is September 26, 2021.

The Council hereby grants the Town of Bozrah's Request for an Extension of Time to submit written comments on the above-referenced sub-petition to October 18, 2021.

The NESC is the authoritative code for ensuring the continued practical safeguarding of persons and utility facilities during the installation, operation and maintenance of electric power and communications utility systems, including substations, overhead lines and underground lines. Compliance with the NESC standards requires Eversource to evaluate the integrity of its utility structures and implement repair, upgrade or replacement in order to ensure the safe and reliable transmission of electric power to its customers. Due to compromised asset conditions, utility structures exhibiting age, weathering, cracking, splitting, rot and woodpecker holes must be replaced to comply with the NESC.

In reaching a final decision on a request under Petition No. 1293, the Council carefully considers whether the request complies with the NESC standards. Please be advised that the Council's jurisdiction extends only over the four structure replacements requiring an increase in height to comply with the NESC that are referenced in this sub-petition. Structure replacements that do not require an increase in height to comply with the NESC are not subject to the Council's jurisdiction.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council's office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/RDM/laf

c: Kathleen Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting, Eversource Energy

From: Sam Alexander <salexander@seccog.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:56 AM

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Subject: RE: SUB-PETITION NO. 1293-LBMW-02

Ms. Bachman –

I would like to request an extension of time to comment, in order to refer this application to the Bozrah Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission on October 7. May this message serve as that request. If you need a letter, I am happy to write on as well.

Thank you,
Sam Alexander (Bozrah Town Planner)

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