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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 1, 2021

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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293 - NM-03 (New Milford)**— 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 May 28, 2021 regarding changes to the above-referenced project that was approved by the Council on July 27, 2020. The proposed modification consists of the revision of temporary access roads/work pads associated with Structures 10170A and 10169A to avoid disturbing a vernal pool and an associated upland area.

The revisions consist of relocating the temporary access road between the two structures to the east and north east of the vernal pool to avoid traversing the vernal pool as originally contemplated. Additionally, the work pad at Structure 10169A would be reduced in size to avoid placing temporary matting within the vernal pool. The modification would increase temporary impact to wetlands located between the two structures and adjacent to the vernal pool by  $\pm 1,329$  square feet.

Pursuant to the Council's Petition No. 1293 decision of March 31, 2017 and the July 27, 2020 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed project changes, as detailed in your May 25, 2021 correspondence, is hereby approved. Any additional changes to the sub-petition decision require advance notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie Bachman*

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Executive Director

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May 28, 2021

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Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-NM-03 Amendment - Request for Access Road and Work Pad Modifications in New Milford

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On July 27, 2020, Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) received from the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) an acknowledgement of the subject Sub-Petition filing to replace 14 transmission line structures within Eversource’s right-of-way (“ROW”) in the Town of New Milford, subject to conditions.

Eversource is requesting staff approval for changes to the access road and work pad at Structure 10169A. The project has experienced delays due to constraints within National Diversity Data Base areas. Since the time of the Council’s acknowledgement letter and in advance of construction, Eversource has determined that the access and work pad for Structure 10169A can be modified to eliminate temporary matting within Vernal Pool 21 (“VP”) and reduce temporary matting within the upland habitat associated within the Vernal Pool Envelope (“VPE”). To accommodate these changes the access to Structure 10170A would also be modified slightly. See revised Attachment A; “1618 Line Structure Replacement Project”, (map sheet 3), dated June 24, 2020, revision May 14, 2021.

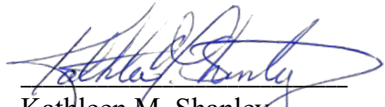
The proposed changes would entail shifting the matted access road east, reducing temporary matting within the VPE upland habitat area. The access would also be extended beyond VP21, eliminating matting within the VP. The access would turn west, span WL07 and Stream 06, then connect to the work pad at Structure 10169A. The size of the matted work pad at Structure 10169A would be reduced, eliminating matting within VP21, and decreasing the temporary wetland impact at WL07. A sediment control barrier would be installed to avoid potential disturbance caused by the Work Activities. In total, the access road and word pad modifications would result in a net increase of approximately 1,329 square feet (“SF”) of additional wetland impact. Although there is a slight increase in temporary wetland impacts, matting within VP21 would be eliminated and matting within the VPE upland habitat would be reduced. Please see the table below detailing changes to temporary wetland impacts.

Wetland Number	Structure Number	Original Wetland Impact (SF)	Revised Wetland Impact (SF)	Change to Wetland Impact (SF)
W07	10170A	±11,534	±10,992	±542 (net decrease)
W07	10169A	±9,210	±11,081	±1,871 (net increase)
TOTAL:		±20,744	±22,073	±1,329 (net increase)

Eversource has provided the abutter with written notice of the filing of this amendment to the sub-petition.

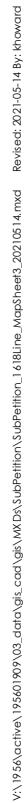
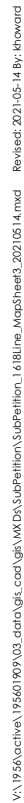
Eversource herewith respectfully requests approval for the requested changes. Should you, the Council members or Council staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [kathleen.shanley@eversource.com](mailto:kathleen.shanley@eversource.com) or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,

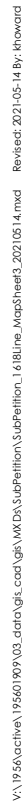
  
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Enclosure: Attachment A - Revised Sub-Petition Map Sheet 3





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