

September 24, 2021

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Sub-Petition No.1293-NM-05

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is filing the attached Sub-Petition No.1293-NM-05 with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), regarding maintenance work within its transmission right-of-way in New Milford, Connecticut. The work includes replacing one existing wooden H-frame transmission structure with a new weathering steel H-frame transmission structure.

Eversource sent the enclosed Sub-Petition to the municipality of New Milford. The directly abutting property is owned by Eversource. Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of this filing.

Please contact me at 860-728-4527 if you have any questions regarding the enclosed Sub-Petition.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager – Transmission Siting

Cc: The Honorable Pete Bass, Mayor, Town of New Milford

Attachments:

Exhibit A. Sub-Petition
Exhibit B. Sub-Petition Maps
Exhibit C. Photos
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ATTACHMENT A

SUB-PETITION

**THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY doing
business as
EVERSOURCE
ENERGY**

Sub-
Petition

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL – PETITION NO. 1293
TRANSMISSION FACILITY ASSET
CONDITION MAINTENANCE
IMPROVEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE
UPDATED NATIONAL ELECTRICAL
SAFETY CODE CLEARANCE
REQUIREMENTS

Town: New Milford

Sub-Petition: 1293-NM-05

Project: 321 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project

Structure Locations: One Transmission Line Structure in New Milford, Connecticut

I. Introduction:

In accordance with Condition 1 of the March 30, 2017 ruling by the Connecticut Siting Council (the "Council") (as set forth in the Council's March 31, 2017 letter) regarding Petition No. 1293, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") submits this Sub-Petition.

II. Description of Transmission Work Activities:

Eversource's Line 321 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project is part of an ongoing maintenance program which evaluates the integrity of its utility structures and implements repair, upgrade or replacement in order to ensure the safe and reliable transmission of power to its customers. Due to asset condition, one existing wood H-frame structure (Structure 10153) requires replacement on the 321 Line in the Town of New Milford. The 321 Line, in its entirety, is a 345-kilovolt line that extends from Long Mountain Substation in New Milford, Connecticut to Plumbtree Substation in Bethel, Connecticut.

Eversource plans to conduct transmission structure replacement work to remediate damage caused by structure age and weather. The following work ("Work Activities") will be performed:

- Replace one wood H-frame structure with one weathering steel H-frame structure

III. No Substantial Adverse Environmental Effect:

Eversource respectfully submits that the proposed modifications would have no "substantial adverse environmental effect" pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50k, based on the following factors:

- a) All Work Activities would take place within Eversource's property utilizing an existing access road, as well as constructing a 248-foot long new access road (collectively the "Work Areas"). Some of the existing access road may be improved.
- b) The Work Activities would not result in any impacts to wetlands. All work would be conducted in accordance with Eversource's *Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut (Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements)*, September 2016 ("BMPs") to avoid impacts to nearby wetland and watercourse resources.
- c) No vernal pools or vernal pool envelopes are located in proximity to the proposed Work Areas.
- d) Based on review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("CTDEEP") Natural Diversity Database ("NDDB"), no Work Areas are proposed within a NDDB buffered area and wetland jurisdictional area and/or CTDEEP owned/managed land. Additionally, Work Activities associated with the project will not require a Stormwater Pollution Control Plan. Therefore, the Work Areas would not be subject to a NDDB Review Request. Work would be conducted in accordance with Eversource's BMPs to avoid or minimize impact to terrestrial habitats that may support rare species. With these protective measures, no adverse impacts to state-listed species are anticipated.
- e) The Work Activities will not require any tree clearing. However, Eversource may need to undertake vegetation removal/mowing to establish required conductor clearance and/or to install a work pad within the Work Areas.
- f) A Phase 1A assessment review of previously recorded cultural resources on file with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office conducted by Heritage Consultants, LLC ("Heritage") did not identify any National or State Register of Historic Places properties/districts or archeological sites within 500 feet of the Work Areas. Heritage classified the locations as no/low archaeological sensitivity and advised that no further examination is recommended or warranted.
- g) The replacement structure will increase in height by less than five feet.
- h) There are no 100-year flood zones in the Work Areas.
- i) No change in noise levels would result from the installation of the replacement structure and the applicable line would continue to comply with the State of Connecticut noise regulations.
- j) Any changes in electric and magnetic field levels outside the ROW would be negligible.

IV. Mitigation:

Temporary environmental effects from construction will be mitigated as follows:

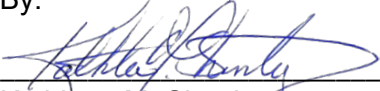
- Erosion and sediment ("E&S") controls will be employed and maintained, as needed, for the duration of the Work Activities in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and the BMPs.
- Eversource's contractor will perform construction sequencing such that any earth materials are exposed for a minimum amount of time before they are covered, seeded, or otherwise stabilized to prevent erosion.
- During construction, when necessary, anti-tracking mats would be installed at construction entrances to public roads to prevent tracking of soil onto local roads.
- Upon completion of the Work Activities, all disturbed/exposed areas will be stabilized and revegetated as needed. After establishing permanent ground cover, Eversource's contractor would remove the temporary E&S controls and remove/dispose of any accumulated sediments and debris from areas where such measures were used.

V. Access:

Access to the structure within Eversource's property is via an existing access road and a short new access road (248 feet long) that will be constructed.

Eversource will access the Work Areas by entering Eversource's property from an existing gated access point on Candlewood Lake Road North in New Milford.

By:



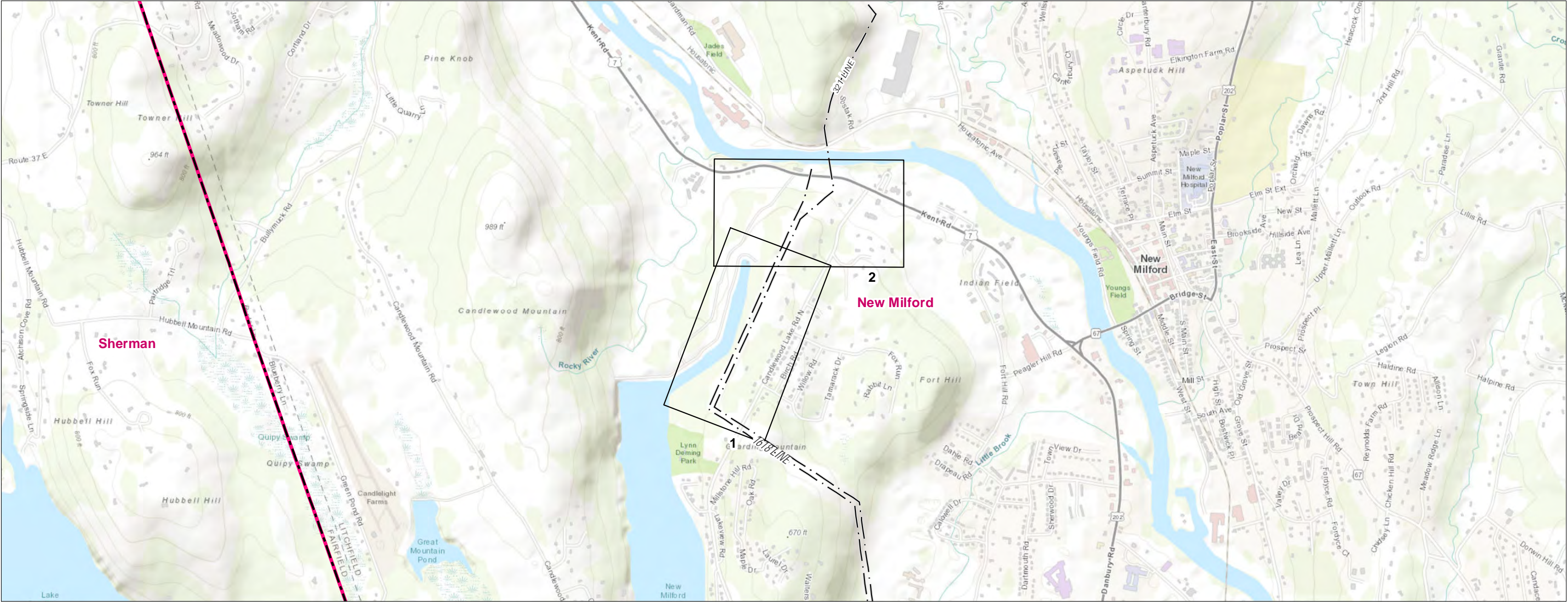
Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager - Transmission Siting

ATTACHMENT B

SUB-PETITION MAPS

321 Asset Condition Replacement Project

New Milford, CT
Sub-Petition Map Set
Date: September 14, 2021



Legend

--- Eversource Overhead Line □ Map Sheet



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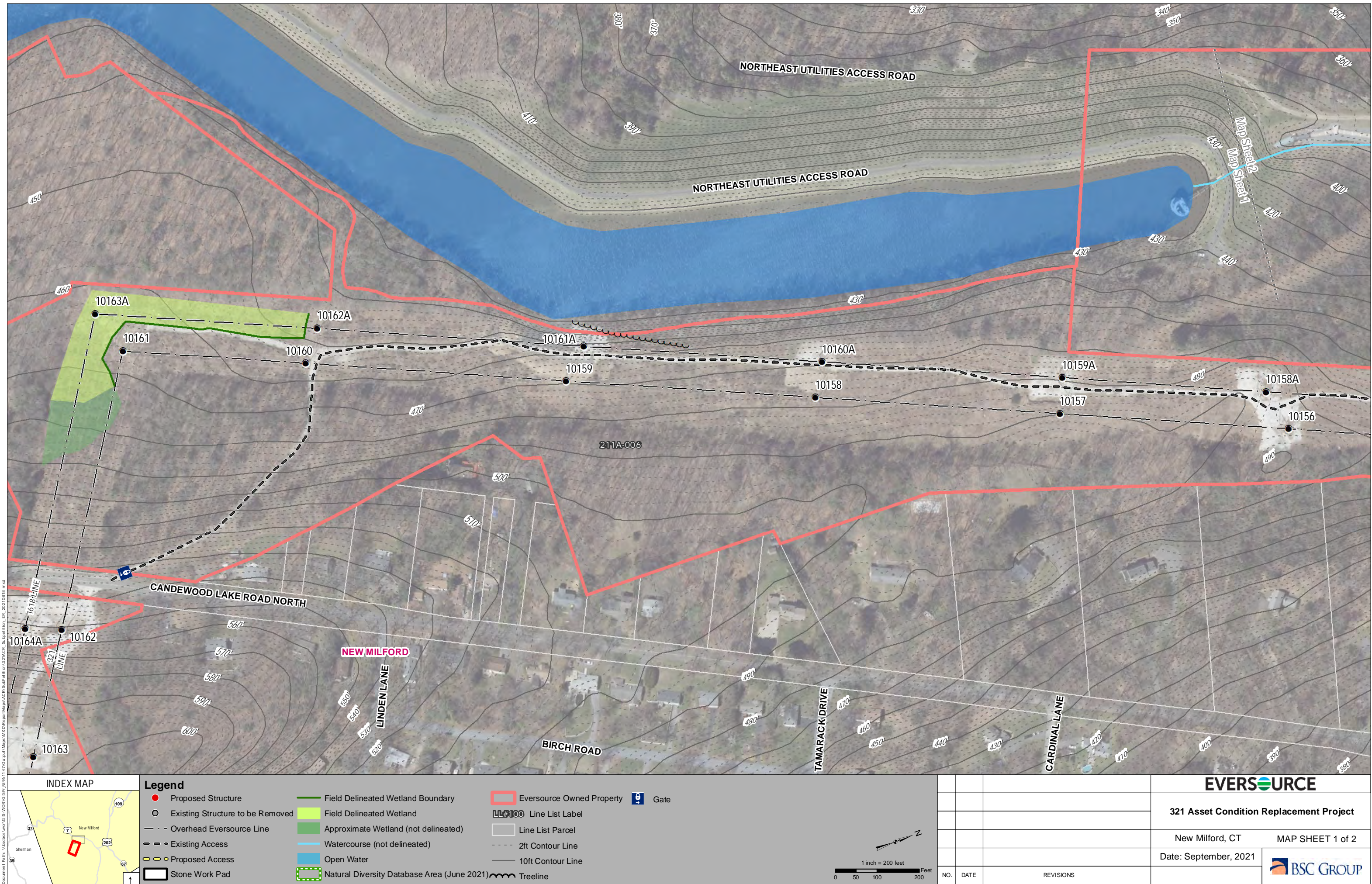
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321 Asset Condition Replacement Project

Abutters List

Map Sheet 1 of 2

Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
211A-006	THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	CANDLEWOOD LK	NEW MILFORD	CT



321 Asset Condition Replacement Project

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Map Sheet 2 of 2

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ATTACHMENT C

PHOTOS



ATTACHMENT D

ABUTTER LETTER AND

PROOF OF NOTICE

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
) ss. Hartford
COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

Sec. 16-SOj-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA") provides that proof of notice to the affected municipalities, property owners and abutters shall be submitted with a petition for declaratory ruling to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"). In accordance with that RCSA section, I hereby certify that I caused notice of proposed construction of The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy to be served by mail or courier upon the following municipal official:

The Honorable Pete Bass, Mayor
Town of New Milford
10 Main Street
New Milford, CT 06776


Susan J. Bellion
Project Siting Specialist

On this the 23 day of September 2021, before me, the undersigned representative, personally appeared, Susan J. Bellion, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Signature 

Notary Public/My Commission expires: _____

Officer of the Superior Court/Juris No.: 413393

September 24, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we're planning work in your area to replace an electric transmission structure. Maintaining the infrastructure that supports the electric lines is one of the ways Eversource ensures the safe, secure transmission of electricity throughout the region.

You're receiving this letter and a copy of the Sub-Petition because the proposed work would be taking place within the right-of-way in New Milford. A Sub-Petition is a document with detailed information about the proposed upgrades. Eversource is submitting Sub-Petition No. 1293-NM-05 this week to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) for its review.

About This Electric System Improvement: What You Can Expect

First, we want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your area.

As part of this project, we are proposing to replace, and slightly increase the height of one existing wood structure. The new, weathering steel structure will increase in height by less than five feet.

We are proposing to do the work on Eversource-owned property near your property. The new structure will provide continued reliability of the transmission system.

The safety of our employees, our customers, and the public is our top priority during the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis. Our commitment to safety, first and always, is continuous.

At the same time, Eversource must fulfil its foundational mission to deliver safe, reliable services to our customers. We continue to call on our employees and contractors to perform essential work, such as this proposed project, that maintains and improves the reliability of our networks, while also adapting our work practices to incorporate social distancing, heightened hygiene, and other best practices to protect their, and the public's, health.

Connecticut Siting Council Process and Timing

With this letter, Eversource is providing notice to you of its proposed work activity, as described in the enclosed Sub-Petition. If you have any comments or concerns about the project, please send them to the CSC at the following address within 30 days of the date of this letter: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director; Connecticut Siting Council; Ten Franklin Square; New Britain, CT 06051. You may also email them to the siting.council@ct.gov. If you choose to send comments to the CSC, please reference Sub-Petition No.1293-NM-05 in your correspondence.

Our Commitment to You

We are committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. If you would like more information about this work please call 1-800-793-2202, or send an email to ProjectInfo@eversource.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Abigail Bowersox

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Burns & McDonnell, Project Manager for Eversource Energy