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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: SUB-PETITION NO. 1293-NMWRWW-01 (New Milford, Washington, Roxbury, Woodbury and Watertown) – 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 20, 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 September 30, 2019. The proposed modification consists of the replacement of an additional 5 wood two-pole H-frame transmission structures on the 352 Transmission Line with new weathering steel structures of the same structural design except for Structure No. 8113 that would change from a two-pole H-frame design to a three-pole H-frame design to increase phase-to-phase clearance requirements. The replacement of the additional five structures is necessary due to asset deterioration that was recently identified during field work associated with the approved project.

Consistent with the previously approved sub-petition, the new structures will not be greater than 13.5 feet higher than the existing structures to comply with current conductor clearance requirements and two of the structures will be installed within 15 feet of the existing structures. Modifications to the location of the three remaining replacement structures will occur as follows: Structure 8105 would be repositioned 70 feet east to reduce impacts to a watercourse; Structure 8121 would be repositioned 30 feet east off a rocky knoll to create a level work pad; and Structure 8185 would be repositioned 65 feet northwest, away from an access road and an underground propane line that serves a commercial greenhouse.

Work associated with the additional replacement structures will result in approximately 5,015 square feet of temporary wetland impacts due to use of temporary construction matting associated with four of the structures. The work areas are not within no flood zones, vernal pools or Natural Diversity Database buffer areas that require protective measures.

No properties listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places are located within 500 feet of the work areas and no evidence of archaeological significance were identified in the work areas. Access to work locations will utilize existing right-of-way (ROW) access roads, public roads, and off ROW access roads. Three new permanent access roads would be constructed to two of the structures and some of the existing access roads will be improved to facilitate construction vehicle access.

Pursuant to the Council's Petition No. 1293 decision of March 31, 2017 and the September 30, 2019 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed minor project changes, as detailed in your April 20, 2020 correspondence, is hereby approved. Any additional minor changes to the sub-petition decision require advance notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

- c. The Honorable Barbara Henry, First Selectman, Town of Roxbury
The Honorable Barbara Perkinson, First Selectman, Town of Woodbury
Maryellen Edwards, Town Planner, Town of Woodbury
John Gavallas, Interim Town Manager, Town of Watertown