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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 24, 2021

Rudy Marconi, First Selectman  
Town of Ridgefield  
400 Main Street  
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1293** - 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. **RI-01 (Ridgefield)**

Dear First Selectman Marconi:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence concerning Eversource Energy's above-referenced request for approval to conduct transmission line maintenance activities to comply with the updated National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) standards on an existing electric transmission line that traverses the municipality of Ridgefield.

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 Energy 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.

The Council established a 30-day period from the date notice of the petition is provided to the towns and abutting property owners for the submission of any comments or concerns about the project. The deadline date for comments was extended by request.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter. Your letter will be entered in the public comment file related to this matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

MAB/RDM/lm

c: Council Members  
Kathleen Shanley, Eversource Energy



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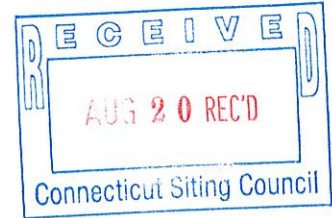
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**TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD**  
Office of the First Selectman

August 20, 2021

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
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**Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-RI-01 in the subject**

Dear Ms Bachman,

Thank you for allowing the Town of Ridgefield to send testimony relative to an application submitted by Eversource for a replacement of several wooden support poles for a transmission line located on Florida Rd in Ridgefield. I would also like to thank the Council for an extension for Public Comments to tomorrow August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 allowing for testimony to be submitted.


As stated in my previous communication, Eversource has worked well at providing as much information as possible to the abutting property owners and others in the community. During our on Site meeting August 4th, 2021 several design questions were asked and recommendations made by those in attendance from the public. As of this date, Eversource engineering has not been able to respond to the suggestions offered. As of today, Eversource has stated that it will be into next week if not longer due to hurricane Henri for their engineers to respond to the requested design changes.

For this reason, as well as review of inland wetlands issues and renderings of the completed project, I ask that this application be denied until such time as a final determination with the neighbors is achieved.

I would like to add that Eversource's team has been excellent in communication and responses, which all involved, have appreciated.

Thank you for this consideration

Very truly yours,

  
Rudy Marconi  
First Selectman

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