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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 5, 2021

Rudy Marconi, First Selectman  
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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293 – RI-01 (Ridgefield)** 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 First Selectman Marconi:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Ridgefield's Request for an Extension of Time to submit written comments concerning Eversource Energy's (Eversource) above-referenced request for approval to replace four 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 Ridgefield.

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 August 7, 2021.

The Council hereby grants the Town of Ridgefield's Request for an Extension of Time to submit written comments on the above-referenced sub-petition to August 21, 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 very important matter.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Council Members  
Kathleen Shanley, Eversource Energy

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**From:** Rudy Marconi <selectman@ridgefieldct.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5:37 PM  
**To:** CSC-DL Siting Council

Dear Ms. Melanie Bachman,

I would like to inquire about an extension for public comment to an Eversource application for improvements to a transmission line in Ridgefield, Ct. Just today, we (neighbors and local officials) had the opportunity to meet on site for a review of the project.

Neighbors have asked for considerations and information, that I find to be very reasonable, for

Eversource to produce, that may takes days or weeks to receive. Our collective concern is that

we do not want the clock to expire prior to the receipt of this information and that all concerned property owners have an opportunity to digest the requested information and submit their testimonies.

I will await your response as to the process for a formal request for an extension.

Thank you for your consideration.

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