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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293- SBM-01 (Southington, Berlin, Meriden)** – 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 Kathleen Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated November 4, 2022 regarding project changes to the Petition No. 1293 sub-petition for the above-referenced section of transmission line that was approved by the Council on May 24, 2021. The proposed project changes will occur along Eversource right-of-way and on Eversource property and include the replacement of 11 additional transmission structures on the 345-kV 3754/3041 Transmission Lines in the municipalities of Southington (3 structures), Berlin (2 structures), Meriden (2 structures), Middletown (3 structures) and Middlefield (1 structure).

Structure replacements include the following:

1. Replace three existing single-circuit wood H-frame structures, Structures 9504, 9533 and 9534, with new single-circuit weathering steel H-frame structures;
2. Replace two existing single-circuit wood three-pole structures, Structures 9524 and 9564, with new single-circuit weathering steel two-pole structures;
3. Replace two existing single-circuit steel lattice structures, Structures 8651 and 9500, with new single-circuit weathering steel H-frame structures; and
4. Replace four existing single-circuit steel lattice structures, Structures 8708, 9551, 9559, and 9574, with new single-circuit weathering steel two-pole structures.

The new replacement structures are necessary due to recent in-field surveys that identified the existing structures as deteriorated. The new structures will be located near the existing structures and will be 3.5 feet to 27.5 feet taller than the existing structures to accommodate new line configurations and to comply with National Electrical Safety Code standards. The work areas will be accessed using existing gravel roads, temporary roads and new gravel roads.

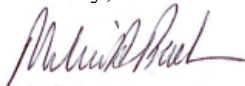
Pursuant to the Council's March 31, 2017 Declaratory Ruling and May 24, 2021 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed project changes is hereby approved ***with the condition that Eversource provide notice to the City of Middletown and Town of Middlefield prior to commencement of construction.***

This approval applies only to the project changes in the correspondence dated November 4, 2022.

Please be advised that deviations from the standards established by the Council in the Declaratory Ruling are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

- c: Honorable Mark H. Kaczynski, Mayor, Town of Berlin (mkaczynski@town.berlin.ct.us)
- Honorable Kevin Scarpati, Mayor, City of Meriden (kscarpati@meridenct.gov)
- Honorable Victoria Triano, Town Council Chairperson, Town of Southington (vtriano@southington.org)
- Honorable Robert Yamartino, First Selectperson, Town of Middlefield (ryamartino@middlefieldct.org)
- Honorable Benjamin Florsheim, Mayor, City of Middletown, (mayor@middletownct.gov)