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Melanie Backman, Esq. Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-SI-01: Amendment – Minor modification to Access Road in Simsbury, 1042 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On September 1, 2020, Eversource Energy ("Eversource") received from the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") an acknowledgement of the subject sub-petition filing to replace nine transmission structures along an existing Eversource transmission line right-of-way ("ROW") in the Town of Simsbury, subject to conditions.

Eversource Energy is providing an update to the Council for a minor change to the matted access road leading to Structure 40103, which is located just east of the Farmington River Canal Trail in Simsbury. See Attachment A; "1042 Line-Structure Replacement Project", (map sheet 1), dated July 27, 2020, revision December 14, 2020.

The matted access to Structure 40103 was modified to avoid an unexpected area containing deep organic soils that precluded the construction of the matted access road due to continued sinking of the timber mats. The proposed access took a slightly more southerly route, ensuring a more stable platform for construction vehicles utilizing the matted access road. The modification to the access will create an additional temporary wetland impact of approximately 798 square feet.

Prior to executing the work an Eversource representative briefed officials in the town of Simsbury concerning the minor modification to the access road. In addition, Eversource provided the abutter with written notice of the filing of this notice of an amendment to the sub-petition.

Should you, the Council members or Council staff have any questions regarding this minor modification, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at <u>kathleen.shanley@eversource.com</u> or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Shanley Manager - Transmission Siting

Enclosure

Attachment A: Revised Sub-Petition Map Sheet 1

