## Affidavit of Ervin Qyra

I, Ervin Qyra, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and believe in the obligations of an oath.
- 2. I am a Manager, Construction and Maintenance, Transmission, employed by Eversource Energy Service Company.
- 3. I sent Ms. Boynton a letter dated February 5, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, that contains commitments by Eversource to minimize the disturbance to Ms. Boynton's property. My letter also explains that Eversource rejected Ms. Boynton's request for use of an alternative access on her Brinton Hill Road property due to more significant temporary wetland impacts, more tree removals, more constructability challenges, including spanning/bridging a stream crossing, as well as triggering additional permitting requirements, increased project cost and effects on the project schedule.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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COUNTY OF Hartford)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this the day of July, 2020.

Commissioner of the Superior Court

Notary Public-

My Commission Expires \_



February 5th, 2020

Mrs. Sandra Boynton 212 Dugway Road Falls Village, CT 06068

Re: Alternative Access Request Related to Transmission Line Maintenance

Dear Mrs. Boynton:

This letter is a follow-up to an on-site meeting held on October 25, 2019 at your property located at 212 Dugway Road in Falls Village, CT ("Property"). During this meeting, representatives from the Eversource Project Team ("Project Team") detailed site-specific activities that will occur on your property as part of the upcoming 667 Line Upgrade Project ("Project").

Maintaining the infrastructure that supports electric lines is one of the many ways Eversource ensures the safe, secure transmission of electricity throughout the region. Nevertheless, we fully appreciate that, as an abutting property owner, living near ongoing maintenance construction activities can be very disruptive and we appreciate your understanding as we undertake these necessary system upgrades and maintenance.

During the meeting, you requested the Project Team further evaluate a potential alternative access point to the transmission right-of-way (powerline corridor) at a parcel you own on Brinton Hill Road in Falls Village. Your request was that the Project uses this alternative access instead of our existing in right-of-way access off of Dugway Road to perform necessary work at two structure locations (1003 and 1004). As a follow up to the meeting, our Project team further evaluated your request with various subject matter experts to examine environmental impacts, constructability challenges, additional permitting needs as well as costs associated with this potential alternative access.

The conclusion of this research and analysis is that access to the right-of-way from the parcel on Brinton Hill Road is not feasible for this work. The use of this parcel would result in more significant temporary wetland impacts as well as more tree removals, introduce new constructability challenges, including spanning/bridging a stream crossing, as well as trigger additional permitting requirements. Furthermore, because of these challenges, use of this access point would significantly increase the Project cost as well as the affect the schedule for the Project due to the additional permitting requirements.

That being said, we understand that your reasoning for this request was to minimize the overall disturbance on your property. To that end, our Project Team will commit to the following:

- Minimize our use of gravel access roads, except in the area directly off Dugway Road where the existing terrain necessitates it;
- Hydroseed the graveled access road post-construction;
- Schedule a pre-construction site-walk with our Project Arborist now that the limits of clearing have been delineated to further illustrate the extent of tree removals;
- Commit to working with our Project Arborist and Vegetation Management Team to develop a postconstruction planting plan comprised of compatible species to restore existing buffer areas. During the

pre-construction site walk, our Project Arborist will provide photos of compatible species as well as examples of other access roads that have been hydroseeded for your reference;

• And commit to providing a new kayak rack in a location outside of the Project's work area.

Eversource remains committed to be a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your Property. As right-of-way work activities occur in your area, our Project Outreach Team will continue to keep you informed. Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us. Feel free to reach out to Christine Jones at (860) 538-5608 or <a href="mailto:Christine.Jones1@eversource.com">Christine.Jones1@eversource.com</a> if you have further questions. You can also reach us at 1(800) 793-2202 or <a href="mailto:ProjectInfo@Eversource.com">ProjectInfo@Eversource.com</a>.

We thank you for your patience as we considered these requests.

Sincerely,

Ervin Qyra

Manager, Construction and Maintenance, Transmission