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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 15, 2021

Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager – Transmission Siting
Eversource Energy
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1429** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed 1768 Line Lattice Tower Replacement Project consisting of the reconductoring and replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 7 miles of its existing No. 1768 115-kilovolt (kV) double-circuit electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between East Granby Junction in East Granby and the Suffield, Connecticut/Agawam, Massachusetts border, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. **Request to Commence Construction in Upland Areas.**

Dear Ms. Shanley:

At a public meeting held on January 14, 2021, pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-3 and § 16-50j-60, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved Eversource's January 7, 2021 request to commence construction within upland areas of the above referenced project. In accordance with the Council's December 18, 2020 Declaratory Ruling, portions of facility construction that will only occur within wetlands and watercourses are subject to a Partial Development and Management (D&M) Plan to be approved by the Council. Construction in upland areas was not included in the Council's D&M Plan condition of the Declaratory Ruling.

The commencement of work in upland areas will enable Eversource to complete construction milestones, accommodate time of year restrictions associated with state-listed species, and mitigate the risk of shifting scheduled outages to the summer months.

All project work in upland areas is to be implemented as specified in the request submitted on January 7, 2021, and is subject to the condition that approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: The Honorable James M. Hayden, First Selectman, Town of East Granby
Gary Haynes, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of East Granby
The Honorable Melissa Mack, First Selectman, Town of Suffield
Bill Hawkins, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Suffield

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