

March 29, 2022

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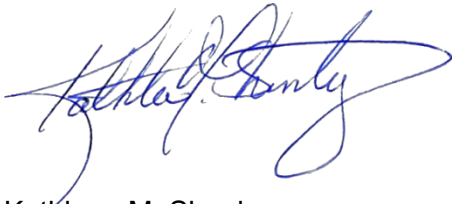
Re: Docket 1483 Petition - Middletown

Dear Ms. Bachman,

This letter provides the response to requests for information listed below.

Response to CSC-01 Interrogatories dated March 15, 2022
CSC-001

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager – Transmission Siting

Date Filed: March 29, 2022

Request from: Connecticut Siting Council

Question1:

The Affidavit Service of Notice in Attachment F states notice was sent to abutters list in Attachment D; however, Attachment D is the Wetlands and Watercourses Report. Please clarify.

Response:

The Affidavit of Service of Notice erroneously identified the abutters as being provided in Attachment D. The abutters are listed in Attachment A to the Petition. Attached is a revised Affidavit referencing the correct attachment.

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Question2:

What is the total estimated cost of the project? Of this total, what costs would be regionalized, and what costs would be localized? Estimate the percentages of the total cost that would be borne by Eversource ratepayers, Connecticut ratepayers, and the remainder of New England (excluding Connecticut) ratepayers, as applicable .

Response:

The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$30.7 million. Eversource anticipates that the entire cost will be regionalized pending the final determination of ISO-New England's Schedule 12 C review.

The Company anticipates the following overall allocations for the total cost:

- Connecticut customers of Eversource: 19.1%
- Other Connecticut customers: 5.9%
- Other New England customers: 75.0%

The estimated allocations are based on 2021 actual loads.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
) ss. Berlin
COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

Sec. 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA") provides that proof of notice to the affected municipalities, property owners and abutters shall be submitted with a petition for declaratory ruling to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"). In accordance with that RCSA section, I hereby certify that I caused notice of the petition for a declaratory ruling of The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy to be served by mail or courier upon the following municipal official on January 28, 2022:

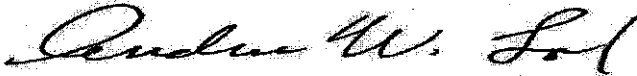
- Mayor Benjamin Florsheim, Jr.
Mayor, City of Middletown
City of Middletown
Middletown Town Hall
245 deKoven Drive
Middletown, CT 06457

I also certify that on January 28, 2022, I caused notice of the proposed modifications to be served by mail or courier upon owners of abutting properties shown on the List of Abutters in Attachment A to the petition..


Christine Farrell
Siting Specialist

On this the 25th day of March 2022, before me, the undersigned representative, personally appeared, Christine Farrell, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.



Notary Public/My Commission expires: _____

Commissioner of the Superior Court/ Juris No.: 413393

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Question3:

Referencing page 22 of the Petition, were there any comments from the City of Middletown or property abutters? If so, what were their concerns, and how were these concerns addressed?

Response:

No comments or concerns were received from the City of Middletown. One Middletown abutting property owner expressed concern about prior vegetation management practices. Eversource is working with the property owner to address the concern.

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Question4:

Would notice to the Federal Aviation Administration be required for any of the proposed replacement structures? If yes, would marking and/or lighting be required for any of the proposed replacement structures?

Response:

The heights of all replacement structures were checked using the Federal Aviation Administration's "Notice Criteria Tool" to evaluate whether such notice would be required. The screening tool determined that notice would not be required for any of the proposed replacement structures. Accordingly, marking and/or lighting for the replacement structures would not be required. The screening tool can be found at the link below:

<https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/gisTools/gisAction.jsp?action=showNoNoticeRequiredToolForm>

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Question5:

Referencing Petition p. 11, what is the status of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database review?

Response:

The National Diversity Database review was filed with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") on December 21, 2021. Eversource is awaiting a response.

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Question6:

Referencing Petition p. 5 and p. 11 it states the average increase in structure height is 2 feet but this differs from Attachment C where the average increase in structure height is listed as 4.5 feet. Please clarify.

Response:

Attachment C, List of Structure Replacements lists the average height increase as 4.5 feet, which is the average height increase for the replacement structures that will be taller than the existing structures they will replace. The Petition erroneously included an average height change of 2 feet, reflecting the increases and decreases in heights for all thirteen structures.

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Question7:

Is the increase in structure height necessary to comply with the National Electric Safety Code?

Response:

Yes, the increase in structure height is necessary to comply with National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements.

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Question8:

Does the State Historic Preservation Office concur with the planned mitigation strategies for the one archaeological site?

Response:

Yes, the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") concurs with the planned mitigation strategy for the one archaeological site abutting Structure 19076. A letter from SHPO is attached. Eversource will engage Heritage to assist in the erection of the fence, as recommended by SHPO.

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Question9:

When were the 387/3041/1051 Lines constructed

Response:

The 387 Line was built in 1967. The 3041 Line was built in 1965. The Petition includes proposed work on the 1050 Line, which was built in 1953

Please note that there is no 1051 Line on the Eversource transmission system..