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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 15, 2022

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1483** – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed Dooley Substation to Scoville Rock Substation and Middletown Substation Structure Replacement Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 9 miles of its existing Nos. 387, 362, and 3041 115-kV electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way in Middletown, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than March 29, 2022. Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the March 29, 2022 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Bachman'.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Petition No. 1483
Eversource
387, 3041, and 1050 Lines Upgrade Project
Interrogatories

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. Referencing Petition p. 11, what is the status of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database review?
6. 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.
7. Is the increase in structure height necessary to comply with the National Electric Safety Code?
8. Does the State Historic Preservation Office concur with the planned mitigation strategies for the one archaeological site?
9. When were the 387/3041/1051 Lines constructed?