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Subject: RE: Gales Ferry Substation - Work Hours

Good morning.

The Siting Council is in receipt of the notification pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-57 and hereby acknowledges the need for Eversource to temporarily exceed approved work hours on February 27, 2023 at Gales Ferry substation to complete the line and switching process.

Thank you. Have a great day.

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Hi Melanie:

I write to inform you that on Monday, 2/27/2023, Eversource initiated the process of energizing the former 400 Line (now designated as the 1911 Line). The 1911 Line terminates at Tunnel Substation,

Gales Ferry Substation and Buddington Substation, the latter of which is owned by Groton Utilities. The line and substation switching process requires complex coordination between the substations, Eversource, Groton Utilities, CONVEX, electrical contractors and testing crews.

The operation was further complicated with required adjustments in the switching sequence as a result of unforeseen delays in system preparations at Tunnel and Buddington Substations. Once the line and substation switching process is initiated, it cannot be interrupted. This work had to be completed in time to allow the 100 Line to be retired on 3/1/2023 as scheduled in order to meet the required inservice date of 6/30/2023.

As the result of the delays, the crews at Gales Ferry Substation worked beyond 7:00 p.m. Monday night. Unfortunately, the impact of these delays were not discovered during normal working hours and we could not apprise you of the extended work hours in advance. The work did not require noise producing construction activities and Eversource did not receive any calls or complaints regarding the activities.

Mayor Fred Allyn of the Town of Ledyard is copied on this message. Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

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