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March 2, 2023

Deborah Denfeld
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1484** - 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 modifications to its existing Gales Ferry Substation located at 301 Whalehead Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated March 1, 2023, regarding temporary changes to work hours for the above-referenced declaratory ruling that was issued by the Council on May 13, 2022.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's Declaratory Ruling, your request to perform work from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on all of the Sundays in March, April, May and June - except for April 9 and May 28, 2023 - is hereby approved. The Sunday work hours are necessary to complete construction activities, delayed by weather and long lead times for equipment, to meet the Project in-service date of June 30, 2023.

This approval applies only to the request for changes to work hours dated March 1, 2023.

Please be advised that deviations from the standards established by the Council in the Declaratory Ruling are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: The Honorable Fred Allyn III, Mayor, Town of Ledyard (mayor@ledyardct.org)
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March 1, 2023

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
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Re: Petition No. 1484 – Modifications to Gales Ferry Substation - Request for Sunday Work Hours

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Eversource Energy is requesting Siting Council staff review and approval of additional Sunday work hours from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the following dates:

- March 5, 2023;
- March 12, 2023;
- March 19, 2023;
- March 26, 2023;
- April 2, 2023;
- April 16, 2023;
- April 23, 2023;
- April 30, 2023;
- May 7, 2023;
- May 14, 2023;
- May 21, 2023;
- June 4, 2023;
- June 11, 2023;
- June 18, 2023; and
- June 25, 2023~~3~~.

For each of the requested Sundays, Eversource is requesting authorization to conduct testing and commissioning of new equipment and minor construction activities needed to support those efforts. Between now and June 30, 2023, which is the scheduled in-service date to meet ISO-New England's deadline, construction activities at the substation and generally within the fence line line will include, in part:

- retire the existing 100 Line (remove terminal structures, conductors, foundations, supporting steel and associated equipment);
- connect and energize the future 1787 Line (pull conductor from adjacent structure; install foundations, terminal bus work and steel supports);
- install protection and control systems (install cabinets, pull cable into station from adjacent structure, complete splicing, install new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system);
- re-route mobile transformer conductors to new switchgear;
- testing and commissioning of newly installed equipment.

During this final phase of construction, major work construction activities will be performed during regular work hours and Sunday work hours will be used primarily for quiet activities, such as operations within the control enclosure and equipment testing and commissioning.

The project schedule has been delayed due to exceptionally long lead times for major equipment components and time lost due to weather events, therefore necessitating continued compression of the work efforts to meet the June 30, 2023, in-service date. We have notified the Town of Ledyard of our intention to submit this request to the Council. We will continue to work with the Town and nearby residents to apprise them of the work and to resolve any potential conflicts or concerns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Denfeld".

Deborah Denfeld

Team Lead – Transmission Siting