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February 2, 2023

Deborah Denfeld
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1486** – 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 400/500 Lines Rebuild Project consisting of the upgrade of the existing No. 400 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line to 115-kV and the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along 8.6 miles of the existing No. 400 electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Ledyard Junction in Ledyard and Tunnel Substation in Preston; and the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 4.9 miles of the existing No. 500 69-kV electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Hallville Junction in Ledyard and Tunnel Substation in Preston Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements.

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence dated February 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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, 2023, is hereby approved. The Sunday work hours are necessary to drill the foundation for a new structure during a scheduled outage. This approval applies only to the request for changes to work hours, dated February 1, 2023.

Additionally, the Council acknowledges receipt of the Water Quality Certificate issued by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, dated January 23, 2023, as required by the Condition No. 3 of the Council's Declaratory Ruling for work within an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp. The Council acknowledges that Condition 3 has been satisfied. Therefore, a previous project revision approved by the Council on December 30, 2022 to avoid work within the swamp until the Water Quality Certificate was issued, including the relocation of a temporary access road and installation of a temporary structure, is no longer necessary and will no longer be implemented. This acknowledgment applies only to Condition 3 that was satisfied by the February 1, 2023 correspondence.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanie A. Bachman', written in a cursive style.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

- c: The Honorable Sandra L. Allyn-Gauthier, First Selectperson, Town of Preston (allyngauthier@preston-ct.org)
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