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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 1, 2023

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1492** – CT NSB ProjectCo LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 486 Fitch Hill Road, Montville (Uncasville), Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Michaud:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated July 26, 2023 regarding compliance with Condition No. 6 of the Declaratory Ruling issued by the Council on June 24, 2022 for the above-referenced facility to consult with Eversource to reduce the visual impact of the electrical interconnection, including minimization of visibility on CT NSB ProjectCo, LLC's side of the interconnection, and report the result of consultation to the Council prior to the commencement of construction, and associated request for project changes as follows:

- 1. Install a portion of the interconnection line underground through the existing wetland crossing instead of overhead to eliminate one utility pole; and
- 2. Reconfigure the remaining overhead portions of the interconnection line to reduce the number of utility poles from 20 to 10 and to avoid tree clearing within the wetland to the east.

Work shall be in accordance with the Wetland Resource Protection Plan established for the project.

The Council acknowledges that Condition No. 6 of the Council's June 24, 2022 Declaratory Ruling has been satisfied. Also, pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's June 24, 2022 Declaratory Ruling, the requested project changes are hereby approved. This approval applies only to the project changes described in the July 26, 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,

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Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

c: The Honorable Ronald K. McDaniel, Mayor, Town of Montville (<u>rmcdaniel@montville-ct.org</u>)



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July 26, 2023

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Melanie Bachman, Esq. Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: **PETITION NO. 1492** – CT NSB ProjectCo LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 486 Fitch Hill Road, Montville (Uncasville), Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On behalf of CT NSB ProjectCo LLC ("Petitioner"), this letter to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") is in response to Council's Petition No. 1492 Decision dated June 24, 2022 ("Decision"), specifically Condition #1 – "Approval of any project changes be delegated to Council staff."

Pending approval from the Council staff, Petitioner and Eversource Energy have agreed upon a new interconnection route. The proposed route offers public benefits because it removes one utility-owned pole which further reduces the visual impact of the project, and the proposed route increases the distance from the project to the wetland to the east which further mitigates wetland impacts. Enclosed, please find a copy of the Council-approved interconnection route and the proposed interconnection route. Petitioner will refrain from constructing the route until they receive approval from Council staff.

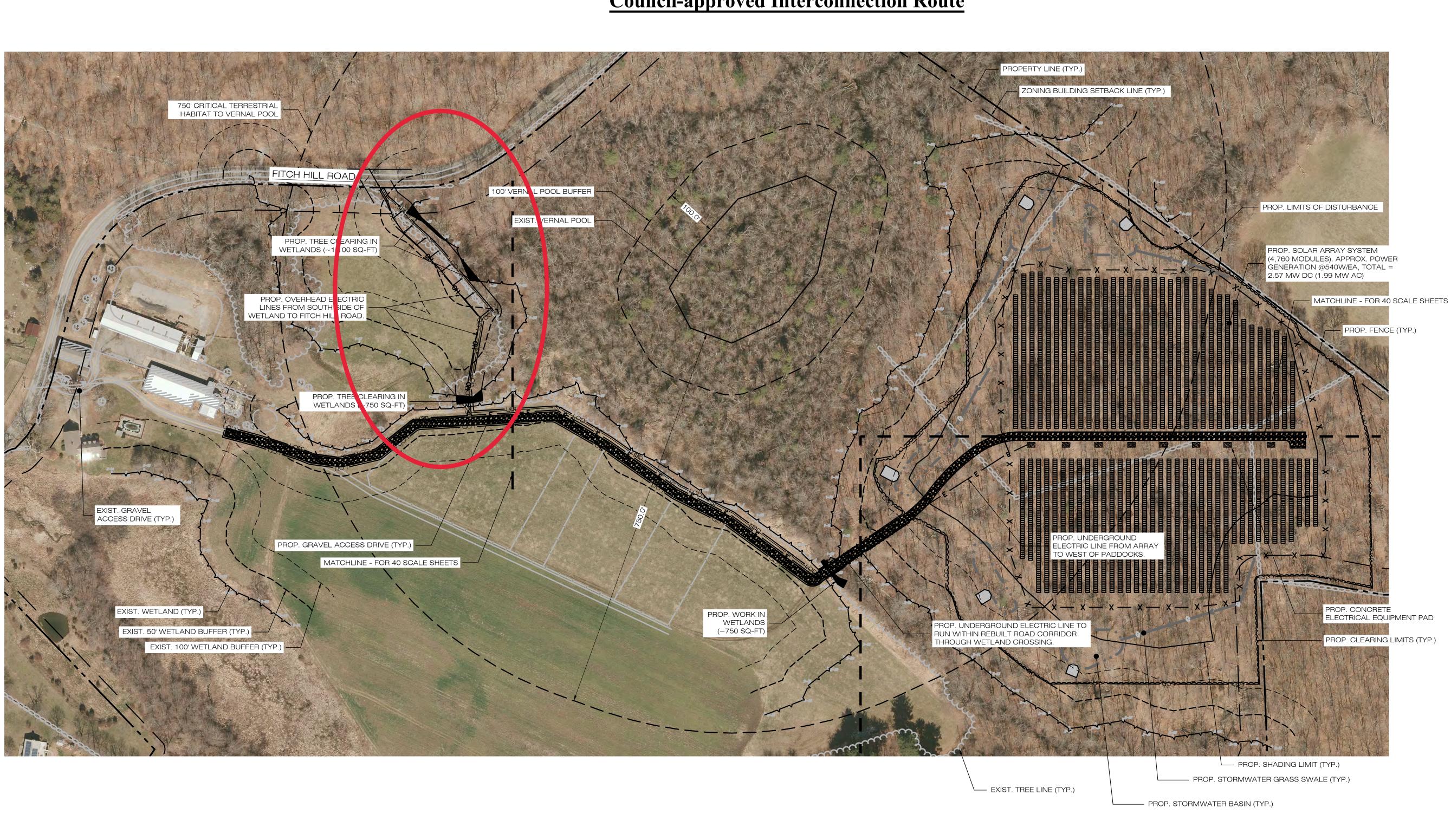
Consistent with Council requirements, Petitioner submits one electronic version, an original, and fifteen hard copies of all necessary documents.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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## **Council-approved Interconnection Route**









## **Proposed Interconnection <u>Route</u>**

