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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

September 15, 2023

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1527** – 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 Stevenson to Pootatuck Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 8 miles of its existing Nos. 1560, 1808 and 1580 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Eversource's Stevenson Substation, 1 Roosevelt Drive in Monroe and The United Illuminating Company's Pootatuck Substation, 14 Old Stratford Road in Shelton, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Request for Project Change.**

Dear Kathleen Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated September 13, 2023 regarding a project change for the above-referenced Declaratory Ruling issued by the Council on December 9, 2022.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's December 9, 2022 Declaratory Ruling, the request to construct a new, permanent off-right-of-way (ROW) access drive to Structures 19667, 19666, 19266 and 19266A in Monroe and vehicle turnaround area to avoid steep terrain associated with the existing in-ROW access road is hereby approved. This approval applies only to the project change described in the September 13, 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 Bachman  
Executive Director

c: Honorable Ken Kellogg, First Selectperson, Town of Monroe ([kkellogg@monroect.org](mailto:kkellogg@monroect.org))



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September 13, 2023

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Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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**Re: Petition No. 1527:** Stevenson to Pootatuck Rebuild Project – Request for Modification Pursuant to Condition 2 of the Connecticut Siting Council Petition Approval for an Alternative Access Road

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On December 8, 2022, The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved Petition No. 1527 regarding the proposed Stevenson to Pootatuck Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 8 miles of its existing 1560, 1808 and 1580 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines within an existing Eversource electric transmission right-of-way (ROW) between Eversource's Stevenson Substation, 1 Roosevelt Drive in Monroe and The United Illuminating Company's Pootatuck Substation, 14 Old Stratford Road in Shelton, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. Eversource Energy (Eversource) is seeking Connecticut Siting Council staff approval for the following new ROW access off of Sand Bar Road, a private road, as opposed to using an existing in-ROW access from the south to reach structure 19667. Eversource is seeking the alternative access to mitigate the safety risk caused by the existing access' steep terrain.

The proposed permanent access road would be constructed of gravel through multiple parcels owned by a single property owner over an approximate distance of 1200 feet (Refer to Map Sheet 1 of 14, as attached). The access road width will be approximately 16 feet, except for a turnaround area of 50 feet by 60 feet (centered across the access road). Installation of the access road will require some tree clearing for approximately 275 feet at the south end of the proposed access, totaling approximately 0.10 acres of tree removal.

The proposed access road would cross the Paugussett Trail, which is managed by the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association (CFPA). CFPA is already aware of the Project due to the current planned construction activity along that portion of the existing access that overlaps with the trail. Safety signage is in place for hikers and the Project continues to coordinate with CFPA.

The proposed access road will not result in any additional environmental effects or impact any wetlands.

Eversource representatives have briefed officials in the Town of Monroe concerning the proposed modification.

Enclosed please find an original and two copies of this submission. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [deborah.denfeld@eversource.com](mailto:deborah.denfeld@eversource.com) or at 860-728-4654.

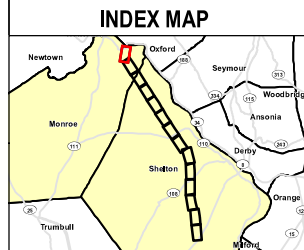
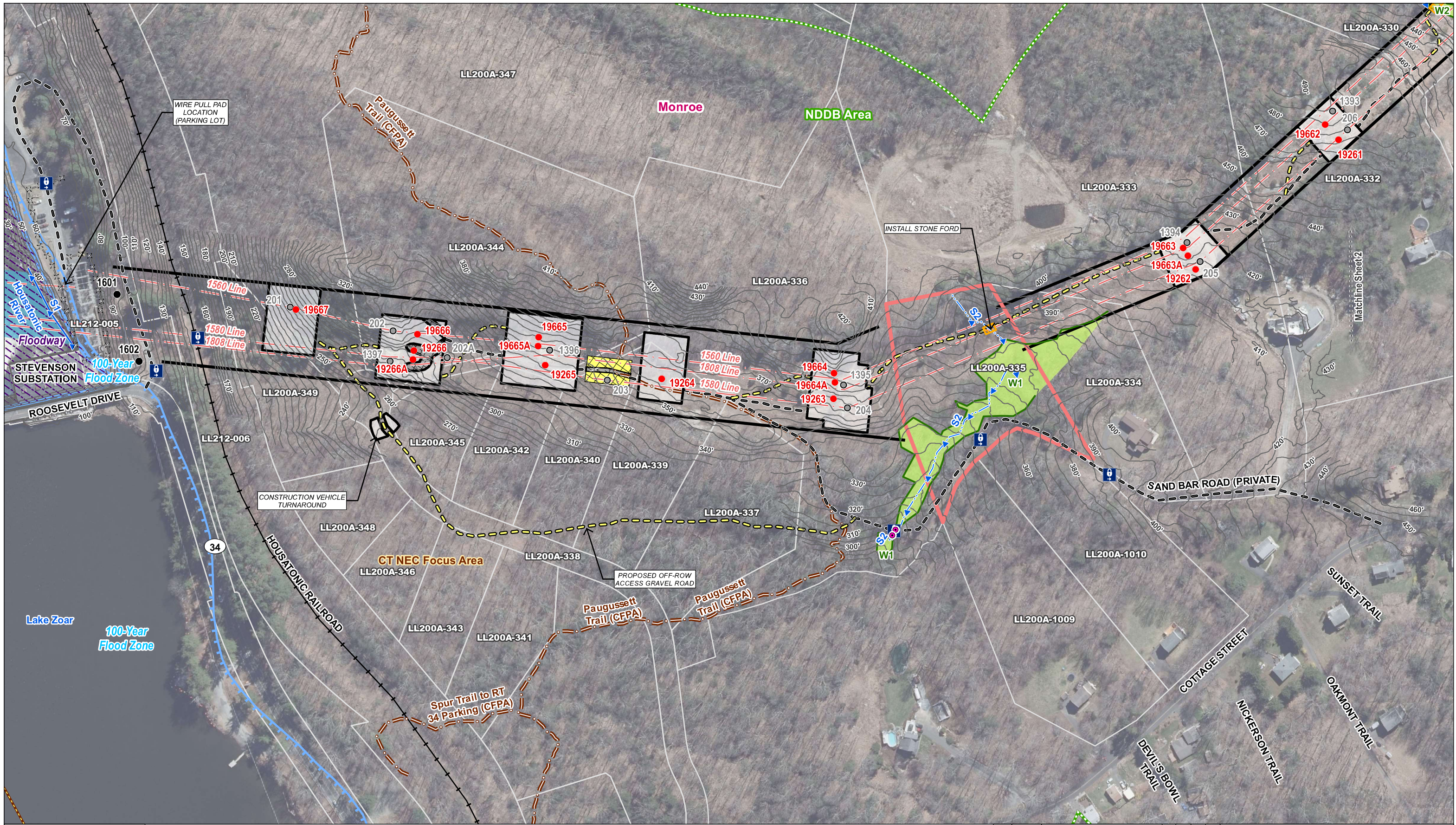
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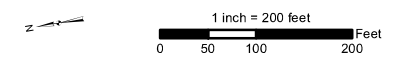
Deborah Denfeld  
Team Lead – Transmission Siting

Attachment

cc: Kenneth M. Kellogg, First Selectman, Town of Monroe



- Legend**
- Proposed Structure
  - Existing Structure to be Removed
  - Existing Structure
  - Culvert
  - Ⓜ Gate
  - ⌘ Fence
  - Overhead Eversource Line
  - Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)
  - Hiking Trail
  - Railroad\*
  - Existing Access
  - Proposed Access
  - Delineated Intermittent Watercourse
  - Delineated Perennial Watercourse
  - Open Water
  - Field Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
  - Field Delineated Wetland
  - Ⓜ Existing Gravel
  - Ⓜ Proposed Stone Work Pad
  - Ⓜ Stone Ford
  - Ⓜ Temporary Construction Matting
  - Ⓜ Natural Diversity Database Area (Dec 2021)\*
  - Ⓜ CT NE Cottontail Focus Area
  - Ⓜ FEMA Floodway\*
  - Ⓜ FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone\*
  - Ⓜ Eversource Owned Property
  - Ⓜ Parcel Boundary



EVERSOURCE							
Stevenson to Pootatuck Rebuild Project							
Monroe, CT				Map Sheet 1 of 14			
Date: June 14, 2022							
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3	9/1/23	Sand Bar Road Off-ROW Access Road	SMM	RWC	SF		
2	4/4/23	Structure Shift: 19202 and 19603; Mapsheets 20, 21 Access Symbology	SMM	RWC	SF		
1	1/25/23	Structure Shift: 19631 and 19230	SMM	RWC	SF		
NO.	DATE	REVISIONS	BY	CHK	APP	APP	

Mapsheet 1 of 14  
 Stevenson to Pootatuck Rebuild Project  
 Access to Existing Structures 1580 Line: 1397, 202A, 203, 204, 205, 206  
 1560 Line: 201  
 1560/1808 Line: 202, 1396, 1395, 1394, 1393  
 Town of Monroe, Connecticut

**AREA DESCRIPTION**

*Existing Land Use and Resource Areas*

- Eversource-owned property
- NE Cottontail Focus Area
- Natural Diversity Database Area (December 2021)
- Hiking Trails – Paugussett and Spur Trails
- Undeveloped, forest
- Maintained ROW
- Residential
- Open Space – Webb Mountain Park (LL200A-330)
- 100-Year Flood Zone and Floodway
- Lake Zoar
- Housatonic River
- Housatonic Railroad

**RIGHT-OF-WAY DESCRIPTION**

*Right-of-Way Land Use and Resource Areas*

- Eversource-owned property
- NE Cottontail Focus Area
- Natural Diversity Database Area (December 2021)
- Hiking Trail – Paugussett Trail
- Open Space – Webb Mountain Park (LL200A-330)
- Open Water
- 100-Year Flood Zone and Floodway
- Housatonic River
- Maintained ROW
- Housatonic Railroad

*Water Resources*

- Wetland – W1
- Wetland Cover Types – Herbaceous, Forest
- Watercourses – S1 (Housatonic River), S2
- Vernal Pools - None

*Wetland and Watercourse Crossings*

- S2 – stone ford construction

*Right-of-Way Vegetation*

- Scrub-shrub
- Herbaceous

*Access*

- Structures 201, 202, 203, 1397, 202A, 1396, 1395, 204, 1394, 205, 1393, 206: access from Cottage Street/Sand Bar Road

*Road Crossings*

- None

<u>LLN</u>	<u>Parcel Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Owner Name</u>
200A-330	246 WEBB CIR	MONROE	CT	MONROE TOWN OF (OPEN SPACE)
200A-332	248 WEBB CIR	MONROE	CT	BRIAN COLIN CAMPBELL
200A-333	16 SAND BAR RD	MONROE	CT	HUNDRED ACRE WOOD LLC
200A-334	22 SAND BAR RD	MONROE	CT	JULIE DINH
200A-335	34 SAND BAR RD	MONROE	CT	THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT and POWER COMPANY
200A-336	40 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-337	8 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-338	84 COTTAGE ST	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-339	14 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-340	20 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-341	15 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-342	26 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-343	21 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-344	50 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-345	32 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-346	27 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-347	49 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-348	33 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-349	41 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR	MONROE	CT	COTTAGE STREET LLC
200A-1009	36 COTTAGE ST	MONROE	CT	STEPHEN J + BARBARA A MORFIT
200A-1010	24 COTTAGE ST	MONROE	CT	JUAN P + TONI N CONSTANTE
212-005	1 ROOSEVELT DR	MONROE	CT	FIRSTLIGHT CT HOUSATONIC LLC
212-006	00 SHELTON TO NEWTOWN T/L	MONROE	CT	MAYBROOK RAILROAD CO INC