

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 5, 2022

John F. Anglace, Jr.
President
City of Shelton
Board of Aldermen
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RE:

**PETITION NO. 1527** – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a 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.

Dear John F. Anglace, Jr.:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of City of Shelton's Board of Aldermen's correspondence dated July 28, 2022 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at <u>portal.ct.gov/csc</u> under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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July 28, 2022

## City of Shelton

Board of Aldermen 54 Hill Street Shelton, Conn. 06484





Melanie Bachman Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Petition No. 1527 - Eversource Stevenson to Pootatuck Rebuild Project

Dear Ms. Bachman:

As related to the CT Siting Council in letters from Shelton Mayor Mark A. Lauretti and the Shelton Trails Committee, the city of Shelton has concerns with the above subject Petition No. 1527. Speaking on behalf of the Board of Aldermen, I want to state that we also share their concerns.

As owners of some 1/3 of the land area involved, we do not understand why we were not involved in the early planning. When we became involved, we were disappointed to learn that permits and permissions were granted without our involvement to the point where Eversource now perceives those grants as dismissing any concerns the landowners may have. "Is it a done deal?"

As the legislative body of the city, we take great pride in the accomplishments of our Trails Committee and their parent body, the Conservation Commission. We intend to support their efforts to protect the environment and provide passive recreation for all Connecticut citizens.

We share their belief that restoration of our trails and disturbed Open Space should be a major part of this project's planning and that our Trails Committee should be guaranteed that they will be part of that process. It is wrong for Eversource to relegate this most important site impact planning to their sole discretion after the fact. Based on their stewardship thus far, we just do not trust them.

Consequently, we ask the Siting Council to specifically address this issue, order impact planning and grant that the Shelton Trails Committee be part of that planning process.

Respectfully,

John F. Anglace. Jr.

President - Board of Aldermen