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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 29, 2022

The Honorable Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor
City of Shelton
54 Hill Street
Shelton, CT 06484
shelton01@cityofshelton.org

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 Mayor Lauretti:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of City of Shelton's correspondence dated July 26, 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 portal.ct.gov/csc 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

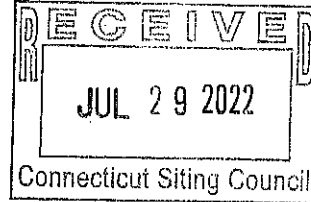
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Office of the Mayor
Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor

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

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Dear Ms. Bachman:

The City of Shelton has concerns about the Pootatuck Rebuild Project where it will impact our popular trail system at the Shelton Lakes Greenway. About two miles of trails will be affected.

There is clearly a need to upgrade our antiquated power infrastructure in a cost-effective manner. At the same time, the taxpayers of Shelton, with State assistance, have invested millions of dollars in creating this park and the 11-mile trail system that runs through it. The trails enjoy broad public support, including the handicapped-accessible Shelton Lakes Recreation Path and the regional CT Blue-Blazed Paugussett Trail, established in the 1930s. The pandemic shutdown illustrated just how important these trails have become to our residents. It is everyone's interest to balance the need for low-cost power with the need for public recreation and scenic resources.

At my request, the Shelton Trails Committee reviewed Eversource's plans. After several meetings and a site walk with Eversource representatives, the Trails Committee identified a number of concerns which they outlined in their letter to the Siting Council dated July 18, 2022. The Committee's letter includes a list of actions that are requested in order to protect the trails to the extent possible.

Please take these concerns into consideration when reviewing the Pootatuck Rebuild Project so that the impacts to our trail system will be minimized.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Lauretti".

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor