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RE: **PETITION NO. 1535** – 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 Ledyard Junction to Mystic Substation Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 12.8 miles of its existing No. 1280 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission right-of-way between Eversource’s Ledyard Junction in Ledyard and Mystic Substation in Stonington, Connecticut and related electric transmission line and substation improvements.

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated February 27, 2023 regarding project changes to the above-referenced Declaratory Ruling issued by the Council on December 23, 2022.

The proposed project changes include, but are not limited to, the replacement of three additional structures due to asset condition, and are as follows:

- a) Replace Structure No. 8416 with a new weathering steel three-pole structure and increase the size of the existing gravel work pad to 100’ x 100’;
- b) Replace Structure Nos. 8463 and 8463A with a new double-circuit weathering steel H-frame structure;
- c) Eliminate temporary construction matting at two right-of-way access road locations adjacent to the pull pad for Structure No. 8443-2 and between the work pads for Structure Nos. 8452 and 8453, and at the pull pad north of Structure No. 8463;
- d) Eliminate the matted pull pad adjacent to Structure No. 8463A; and
- e) Re-route off-ROW access (from Clara Drive to Structure No. 8463) from the south side of the building to the north side of the building at the property owner’s request.

The new structures would be 4.5 to 5 feet taller than the existing structures to comply with National Electrical Safety Code conductor clearance requirements.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council’s December 23, 2022 Declaratory Ruling, the requested project changes are hereby approved. This approval applies only to the project changes described in the February 27, 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

- c: The Honorable Juan Melendez, Jr., Mayor, Town of Groton (jmelendez@groton-ct.gov)
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