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June 4, 2024

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1549** – 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 1714 Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 9.4 miles of its existing Nos. 1714, 1720, and 1222 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines and one structure along its 1637 line within existing Eversource electric transmission right-of-way between Eversource's Weston Substation, 85 Weston Street in Weston and the United Illuminating Company's Old Town Substation, 122 Kaechele Place in Bridgeport, Connecticut traversing Weston, Fairfield, Easton and Bridgeport and related electric transmission line and substation improvements.

PETITION NO. 1567 - 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 1637/1720 Lines Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along its existing 4.0 mile electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) Nos. 1637 and 1720 Lines between Grist Mill Road in Norwalk, Norwalk Junction in Wilton, and Weston Substation in Weston, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of Norwalk, Wilton, and Weston, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements.

Dear Kathleen Shanley and Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of email correspondence, dated June 3, 2024, from Larry Roberts, the owner of 19 Old Weston Road, a residential parcel located north of the Weston Substation in Weston, regarding excessive noise from the substation associated with the above-referenced declaratory rulings. A copy of the correspondence is attached for convenience.

The Council issued a declaratory ruling for Petition 1549 on February 16, 2023, and issued a declaratory ruling for Petition 1567 on September 15, 2023. Eversource notified the Council that construction commenced on Petition 1549 on July 12, 2023, and that construction commenced on Petition 1567 on February 15, 2024. Neither project has completed construction.

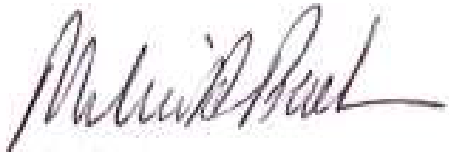
In his correspondence, Mr. Roberts states that noise emissions from the substation operation have increased over time and believes it is due to additional transformers within the substation and power consumption from the substation. Mr. Roberts also refers to a noise study that was completed approximately 15 years ago at his property line. He would like to have a similar noise study conducted at his property line.

Pursuant to the Council's exclusive jurisdiction over electric substation facilities throughout the state and the Council's above-referenced declaratory rulings, the Council requests information as to the status of any work activities occurring within Weston Substation and when Eversource could accommodate Mr. Roberts' request for a noise study at his property line.

Please provide a written response to the Council and Mr. Roberts, who is copied on this correspondence, by June 12, 2024.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

Enc: Roberts June 3, 2024 e-mail correspondence to the Council

c: Larry Roberts, 19 Old Weston Road, Weston, CT 06883 (gfd247@gmail.com)

From: Larry Roberts <gfd247@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 5:16 PM

To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>

Cc: Fontaine, Lisa <Lisa.Fontaine@ct.gov>; Mathews, Lisa A <Lisa.A.Mathews@ct.gov>; Larry Roberts <Lroberts@Westonct.gov>

Subject: Eversource Substation - Weston, CT

Dear Ms. Bachman,

I am reaching out with a concern regarding noise levels at the Evercourse substation directly abutting our home in Weston. My wife and I have lived in Weston for over 32 years in the same home. Over the years, the noise emissions from the equipment located within the substation have increased substantially.

When purchasing our home we recognized that living next to a substation was not without some negative consequences. We have spent a lot of time and money to screen the views from our home. Unfortunately, what we cannot suppress is the constant humming of the transformers that has increased over time. This is the result of more transformers being installed and (most likely) an increase in power consumption by Eversource customers.

I am asking for assistance in this matter. We would like to have a review of noise emissions from the substation at our property line. This was completed about 15 years ago and the results showed noise emissions within 1 decibel from exceeding limits. Since that time, we have noticed a marked increase in the decibel level from the substation.

I appreciate your time and will do all I can to help assist in this request. I am willing to meet with your council or designee of your choice as required.

Kind Regards,

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