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May 23, 2023

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1565** – 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 East of Hurd State Park to East Haddam Junction Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along its existing 6.2-mile electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) No. 1772 and 345-kV Nos. 362, 376 and 364 Lines between Structure Nos. 12053 and 19099 east of Hurd State Park in East Hampton, Haddam Neck Switching Station in Haddam, and East Haddam Junction in East Haddam, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of East Hampton, Haddam and East Haddam, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements.

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than June 13, 2023. Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the June 13, 2023 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: Kathleen M. Shanley, Eversource Energy (Kathleen.shanley@eversource.com)

**Petition No. 1565 - Eversource
1772, 362, 376, and 364 Lines Rebuild Project
East Haddam, Haddam, East Hampton, Connecticut**

**Interrogatories – Set Two
May 23, 2023**

Existing Facility Site

24. Under Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50j-2a(29), “**Site**” means a contiguous parcel of property with specified boundaries, including, but not limited to, the leased area, right-of-way, access and easements on which a facility and associated equipment is located, shall be located or is proposed to be located. Is the “Project area” described in the Petition synonymous with the existing facility “site?” Explain.
25. Referencing Petition p. 5, after the structure replacements specified in Sub-Petition No. 1293-HEHLELMW-01 and the structure replacements for the project, what number of existing structures would remain and when is replacement of those structures anticipated?

Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

26. Referencing the response to Council interrogatory 15, Eversource notes that it would conduct “weekly inspections to ensure compliance with the General Permit, BMPs, authorizations, and permit conditions.” In addition to the qualified inspector required by the General Permit, would there be other environmental inspectors assigned to the Project? If yes, identify the specific inspection duties. If not, why not?
27. Referencing Petition p. 17, existing wooden poles located in wetlands will be cut just above grade and left in place. If known, were the wooden poles chemically treated at the time of installation? Describe any best management practices associated with wooden poles.
28. How would OPGW installation avoid contact with water at crossings?
29. Referring to Petition p. 14 and Map Sheet 8, the ROW traverses the Salmon River Cove. What precautions are necessary, if any, to ensure recreational boaters are aware of Project construction/OPGW installation?
30. Would Eversource implement the same mitigation measures and/or use the same construction methods (ex. watercourse crossings, secured mats in flood zone areas, etc.) for areas of the Project as were implemented and used in Sub-Petition No. 1293-HEHLELMW-01? Explain how these areas overlap.