



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 22, 2024

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1573** - 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 Brookfield Junction to Bates Rock Substation Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 6.7 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) Nos. 1887, 1268, and 1485 Lines between Brookfield Junction in Brookfield and Shepaug Substation in Newtown, and along approximately 0.5 mile of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kV Nos. 1622 and 1485 Lines between Shepaug Substation and Bates Rock Substation in Southbury, Connecticut traversing the municipalities of Brookfield, Newtown and Southbury, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Request for Project Change.**

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated January 19, 2024 regarding a project change to the above-referenced Declaratory Ruling issued by the Council on August 4, 2023.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's August 4, 2023 Declaratory Ruling, the request to reconfigure the access road between the Structure 4619 work pad and the CVP2 vernal pool envelope to include switchbacks on a steep slope is hereby approved.

This approval applies only to the project change in the correspondence dated January 19, 2024.

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,

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

MAB/RDM

c: Service List, dated May 10, 2023  
Kathleen Shanley, Eversource Energy ([Kathleen.shanley@eversource.com](mailto:Kathleen.shanley@eversource.com))



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January 19, 2024

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Re: **PETITION NO. 1573** – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) petition for a declaratory ruling for the proposed Brookfield Junction to Bates Rock Substation Upgrade Project

Proposed Project Modification

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On August 4, 2023, the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) issued a declaratory ruling on Petition 1573 referenced above. In accordance with Condition No. 1 of the ruling, Eversource is seeking Council staff approval for the following project change:

- 1) **Reconfiguring the access road between the work pad for Structure 4619 and edge of the vernal pool envelope for vernal pool CVP2:**  
Upon closer review when starting construction, it was determined that the slope of this portion of the access road is too steep for large equipment to traverse, especially during the winter. Therefore, it is proposed that this access road have switchbacks to safely traverse this steep slope. Attachment A is the revised Map Sheet 9 showing the reconfiguration of this access road.

This proposed modification will not result in any additional environmental effects as presented in the Petition.

Eversource representatives will notify the officials in the Town of Newtown of this proposed project modification.

Eversource requests approval for the requested modification. An original and two copies of this request will be mailed to your office.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone at (860) 728-4654 or e-mail at: [deborah.denfeld@eversource.com](mailto:deborah.denfeld@eversource.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Denfeld".

Deborah Denfeld

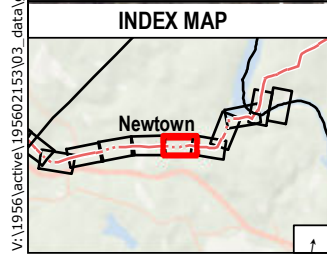
Enclosure: Attachment A

## **ATTACHMENT A**





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 Revised: 2024-01-18 By: khoward



Legend	
● Existing Structure	Existing Gravel
○ Existing Structure to be Removed	Stone Work Pad
● Proposed Structure	Temporary Construction Matting
— Eversource Owned Property	Eversource Owned Property
— State Owned Property	State Owned Property
— Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)	Parcel Boundary
— Off-ROW Access Pending Rights	Abutter Number
— Proposed Access	Municipal Boundary
— 5ft Contour Line	Match line
— Delineated Intermittent Watercourse	FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
— Delineated Perennial Watercourse	NEC Key Habitat and Focus Area (March 2020)
— Delineated Wetland Boundary	Natural Diversity Database (June 2023)
— 100' Vernal Pool Envelope	Aquifer Protection Area (APA)
— Field Delineated Wetland	Area of Limited Tree Removal
— Field Delineated State Wetland	-GAS- Approximate Existing Gas Pipeline
— Approximate Wetland (not delineated)	Gate
— Confirmed Vernal Pool	Culvert
— Open Water	Railroad
	Hiking Trail
	Stone Wall
	Fence

**Map Notes:**  
 Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Connecticut FIPS 0600 Feet  
 Data source: Eversource easement lines, structures, and transmission lines provided by Eversource Energy. Wetlands and streams by Stantec/FHI in May and June 2021. Vernal pool confirmations completed by Stantec in May 2022. Additional sources include: CT DEEP.  
 This mapping product has been created to comply with submittal requirements to obtain certain regulatory approvals and, as such, there is no reliance on the information contained herein for any other purpose.

NO.	DATE	REVISIONS
2	01/18/24	ACCESS REVISED BETWEEN GUARD TRUCK PAD AND STRUCTURE 4619
1	10/12/23	PROPOSED GEORGES HILL ROAD BRIDGE REMOVED AND ADJUSTMENT TO THE CONNECTING ACCESS ALONG RAILROAD INCLUDING CROSSING

**EVERSOURCE ENERGY**  
**Brookfield Junction to Bates Rock Substation Upgrade Project**  
**Petition Map Set**  
 Newtown, CT  
 Date: January 18, 2024  
**MAP SHEET: 9 of 17**