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April 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 April 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 add a gravel access road from Hilltop Road East to Structure 10138 and replace some matting with gravel at Structure 10138 in Southbury is hereby approved.

This approval applies only to the project change in the correspondence dated April 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)

April 19, 2024

Melanie Bachman, Esq.
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
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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 Modifications

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On August 4, 2023, the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) issued a declaratory ruling on Petition No. 1573 as referenced above. In accordance with Condition No. 1 of the ruling, Eversource is seeking Council staff approval for the following project changes, as shown on Attachment A - Map Sheet 15:

- Adding a gravel access road from Hilltop Road East to the work pad for Structure 10138
- Replacing some of the matting at the work pad for Structure 10138 with gravel

Upon closer review when starting construction, it was determined that the previously proposed matted access road from Structure 5312 to Structure 10138 does not provide enough clearance from the existing distribution line that is running parallel to the access road for large equipment to pass through the ROW.

Gravel is proposed to replace a portion of the matted work pad at Structure 10138 to provide a more stable surface on the slope on this portion of the work pad.

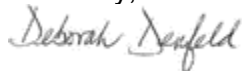
These proposed modifications will not result in any additional environmental effects as presented in the Petition. Both the gravel access road and the work pad will be restored at the completion of construction.

We have notified the Town of Southbury of the proposed modifications.

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

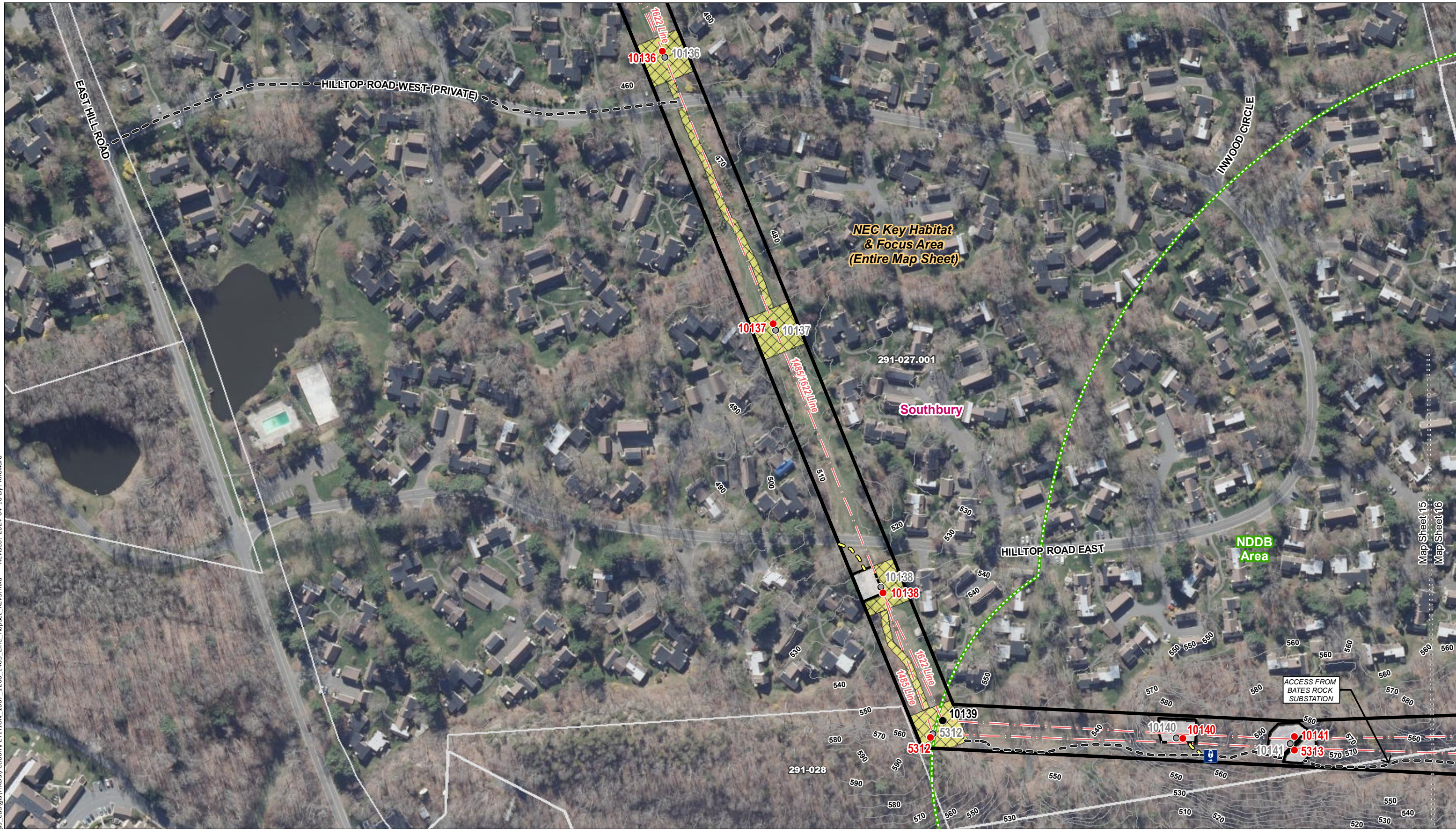
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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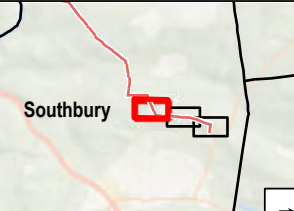
NEC Key Habitat & Focus Area (Entire Map Sheet)

Southbury

NDDB Area

ACCESS FROM BATES ROCK SUBSTATION

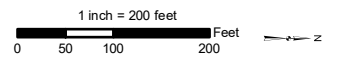
INDEX MAP



Legend

- Existing Structure
- Existing Structure to be Removed
- Proposed Structure
- - - Overhead Eversource Line
- - - Underground Eversource Line
- - - Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)
- - - Existing Access
- - - Off-ROW Access Pending Rights
- - - Proposed Access
- ▨ Existing Gravel
- ▨ Stone Work Pad
- ▨ Temporary Construction Matting
- ▨ Eversource Owned Property
- ▨ State Owned Property
- ▨ Parcel Boundary
- 264 Abutter Number
- ▨ Municipal Boundary
- - - 5ft Contour Line
- ⋯ Match line
- Delineated Intermittent Watercourse
- Delineated Perennial Watercourse
- Delineated Wetland Boundary
- 100' Vernal Pool Envelope
- Field Delineated Wetland
- Field Delineated State Wetland
- Approximate Wetland (not delineated)
- Confirmed Vernal Pool
- Open Water
- ▨ FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
- ▨ NEC Key Habitat and Focus Area (March)
- ▨ Natural Diversity Database (June 2023)
- ▨ Aquifer Protection Area
- ▨ Area of Limited Tree Removal
- - - GAS - Approximate Existing Gas Pipeline
- ⊕ Gate
- Culvert
- Railroad
- Hiking Trail
- Stone Wall
- X-X-X 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/FHJ 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
3	04/16/24	NEW ACCESS OFF OF HILLTOP ROAD EAST TO NEW GRAVEL WORK PAD AREA AT STRUCTURE 10138
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**

Southbury, CT MAP SHEET: 15 of 17

Date: April 16, 2024

Stantec