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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 29, 2024

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RE: PETITION NO. 1574 - 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 Southington Substation to Cook Hill Junction Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 11.2 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1690, 1208, 1355 and 1610 Lines between Southington Substation in Southington and Cook Hill Junction in Wallingford including the installation of approximately 650 feet of the 1690 Line underground at Lucchini Junction in Meriden, traversing the municipalities of Southington, Cheshire, Wallingford, and Meriden, Connecticut, 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 February 28, 2024 regarding a project change for the above-referenced Declaratory Ruling issued by the Council on August 18, 2023.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's August 18, 2023, Declaratory Ruling, the request to utilize a temporary pump and generator on a 24/7 basis at Lucchini Junction for approximately two weeks commencing on Friday, March 1, 2024 is hereby approved.

This approval applies only to the project change in the correspondence dated February 28, 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

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February 28, 2023

Ms. Melanie Bachman, Esq. Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

**Re: PETITION NO. 1574** - 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 Southington Substation to Cook Hill Junction Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 11.2 miles of its existing electric transmission line rightof-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt 1690, 1208, 1355 and 1610 Lines between Southington Substation in Southington and Cook Hill Junction in Wallingford including the installation of approximately 650 feet of the 1690 Line underground at Lucchini Junction in Meriden, traversing the municipalities of Southington, Cheshire, Wallingford, and Meriden, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Proposed Project Change.** 

Dear Attorney Bachman:

In accordance with Condition No. 1 of the Connecticut Siting Council's ruling on the above referenced Petition, dated August 18, 2023, Eversource is requesting staff approval for a proposed project change necessary to construct the Project.

Due to the extensive rainfall experienced over the past few months the Project is encountering higher than expected infiltration of groundwater into the trench to facilitate the construction of the 650 feet of underground cable, requiring approximately three hours of dewatering activities, daily, at the start of the workday to clear the trench of water and mud before construction can resume. To remedy this situation, Eversource is requesting the use of a generator operated pump to be used 24 hours a day for two weeks to keep the trench clear while the conduit is being installed.

Eversource requests to start the use of the pump and generator Friday, March 1, 2024. Safety barriers and appropriate signage will be employed around the operating equipment and trench, along with containment for the generator.

The City of Meriden has been notified, and the abutters will be and notified today.

One original and two hard copies of this letter request are being provided to your office later today.

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

Sincerely,

Deborah Denfeld

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