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December 7, 2023

Deborah Denfeld
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1576** - 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 Middletown Substation to Oxbow Junction Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 5.5 miles of its existing No. 1620 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line right of way between Middletown Substation in Middletown and Oxbow Junction in Haddam, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Request for Helicopter Use.**

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

At a public meeting held on December 7, 2023, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and voted to approve the November 29, 2023 Request for Helicopter Use between structures 14005 and 14021 on the 1620 Line for the removal of existing shield wire and the installation of new optical ground wire with the condition that public outreach and coordination with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Forestry Division for work within Cockaponset State Forest be performed prior to helicopter use.

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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c: Kathleen Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting - Eversource Energy (Kathleen.shanley@eversource.com)



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November 29, 2023

Melanie Bachman, Esq.
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Re: Petition No. 1576 - Middletown Substation to Oxbow Junction Upgrade Project – Project Change Request

Dear Attorney Bachman:

Eversource Energy is requesting the Connecticut Siting Council review and approve the use of helicopters between structures 14005 and 14021 on the 1620 Line. The use of helicopters at this location to remove the existing shield wire and install the new optical ground wire is necessary to avoid impacts to environmental resources in these areas.

We have notified the City of Middletown of our intention to submit this request to the Council and the City did not have any objections. We will continue to work with the City, as well as nearby residents to apprise them of the work and to resolve any potential conflicts or concerns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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

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