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May 2, 2024

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1624** – 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 proposed modifications to its existing Sandy Hook Substation and associated equipment located at 13 Farmery Lane, Newtown, Connecticut.

Dear Robert Sibley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Newtown Planning and Land Use and Emergency Management correspondence dated May 1, 2024 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council must carefully consider all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and consider all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the petition and administratively noticed in the record.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List dated April 2, 2024
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May 1, 2024

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Dear Director Bachman,

As the Director of Planning & Land Use and Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Newtown, I have a strong interest and concern in the Sandy Hook Substation and its impact on the local community.

The Sandy Hook Substation has been a focus of suitable improvements for the advancement and stability of our regional electrical utility over the past 5 years. However, as the projects have begun the final installations, it seems the details of your earlier mandates have either been glossed over in this declaratory ruling request or ignored completely. Examples as such would be hours of construction operation, a solid architectural fence and extensive vegetated buffers required in the original docket would help with the approved visual, sound and magnetic levels.

I ask that you and the Council consider stepping onto the site to see its current status and reviewing your past reviews and stipulations before rendering your ruling on this petition.

I believe that there is a successful way to benefit the people of Connecticut and balance the impact on local communities by mitigating their requests with a substantive review of all the work that has been completed to date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Sibley', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Robert Sibley
Director of Planning and Land Use, Deputy Director of Emergency Management
Town of Newtown

CC:

A. Jeffery Capeci, First Selectman
Donna Culbert, Director of Emergency Management