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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 10, 2017

Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1238** - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed re-conductoring of 0.6 miles of its existing No. 1779 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line between South Meadow Substation in Hartford and the east side of structure 3001 in East Hartford and for the proposed rebuilding of 4.6 miles of its existing No. 1779 electric transmission line within existing Eversource right of way extending from structure 3001.5 in East Hartford to South Windsor Junction in South Windsor, traversing the municipalities of Hartford, East Hartford, and South Windsor, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure and substation improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 9, 2017 regarding the request for approval of a temporary laydown yard located at 2 Meadow Lane in East Hartford.

Pursuant to Condition No. 3 of the Council's Decision on this petition dated November 1, 2016, your request for a temporary laydown yard is hereby approved with the condition that Eversource comply with any Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection recommended mitigation measures for species and/or habitat that may occur in the area. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the site, if necessary, in accordance with Eversource's Best Management Practices.

This approval applies only to the proposed temporary laydown yard in your request dated August 9, 2017. Any significant changes to the project require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's declaratory ruling dated November 1, 2016.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

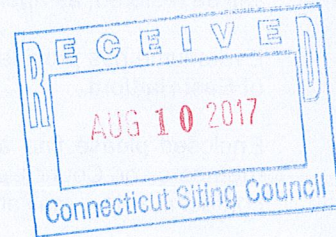
Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Council Members
Helen Taylor, Eversource Energy
Honorable Marcia Leclerc, Mayor, Town of East Hartford

August 9, 2017

Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
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RE: Petition No. 1238
1779 Line Upgrade Project: 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild
Request for Approval of Laydown Yard
2 North Meadow Lane, Town of East Hartford

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On June 19, 2017, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved an amendment to Petition No. 1238 regarding the Rebuild portion of the 1779 Line Upgrade Project (Project) in the towns of East Hartford and South Windsor. To support the construction of the Project, as amended, pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) requests Council staff approval for the use of a 4-acre temporary laydown yard, located at 2 Meadow Lane in the Town of East Hartford. The proposed yard site has historically been used as crop land.

The laydown yard will be used by Eversource's clearing and access road/work pad contractor to store and stage timber mats for use during Project construction. Some personal vehicles and construction equipment related to these activities also may be parked, on occasion, at the laydown yard.

The proposed laydown yard is visible on Mapsheet 7 of the of the June 2017 Petition amendment (refer to Line List #639) and also is illustrated on the attached map. As this mapping shows, the laydown yard is located just west of the Project right-of-way, west of a branch of the Podunk River.

The proposed yard is within an upland agricultural field. This field is currently fallow; it was not planted in crops this year because Eversource had initiated consultations with the landowner to use the site as a primary Project staging area, before selecting an alternative site for that purpose.

Access to the laydown yard is available from Main Street using an existing access road, which is already approved for Project use. As shown on Mapsheet 7 of the June 2017 Petition amendment, the laydown yard is within a 100-year flood zone, as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as areas mapped by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB).

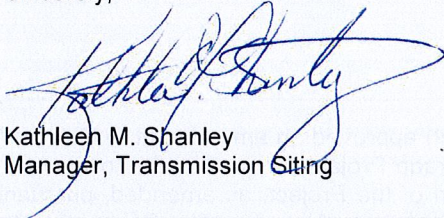
No site preparation (mowing, grading) will be necessary at the laydown yard site. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the site, if necessary, in accordance with Eversource's Best Management Practices. The temporary use of the laydown yard will not affect the FEMA floodplain or its flood storage capacity, and is not expected to affect any critical habitat or NDDB species.

After the yard is no longer needed for timber mat storage, the affected areas of the agricultural field will be restored, as appropriate, pursuant to the contractor's lease agreement with the landowner.

Eversource has provided notice of the use of the proposed laydown yard for the Project to the Town of East Hartford.

Enclosed please find an original and three copies of this submission. Should you, other Council members, or Council staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager, Transmission Siting

cc: The Honorable Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor, Town of East Hartford

Proposed Laydown Yard Location, Town of East Hartford

