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December 9, 2016

Kathleen M. Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting
Eversource Energy
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1251** - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately 3.8 miles of its existing No. 900 69-kV transmission line within existing right of way between Skungamaug Substation and Mansfield Junction in Coventry, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on December 8, 2016, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on November 29, 2016, with the following conditions:

1. Eversource reduce any wetland access road areas to no more than 12 foot total width consistent with Eversource's Best Management Practices; and
2. Eversource complies with the reporting requirements under Section 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on November 29, 2016. Requests for any changes to the D&M Plan shall be approved by Council staff in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50j-62(b). Furthermore, the project developer is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to RCSA §16-50j-62.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the Council's decision on the petition dated November 14, 2016 and in the D&M Plan dated November 29, 2016.

Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated December 8, 2016.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/FOC/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated December 8, 2016

c: The Honorable Julie A. Blanchard, Chairman, Town of Coventry
John A. Elsesser, Town Manager, Town of Coventry
Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning & Development, Town of Coventry



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Eversource Energy

900 Line Upgrade Project – Coventry, Connecticut

Development and Management Plan

Staff Report

December 8, 2016

On November 10, 2016, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved a petition from The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed modifications to transmission line no. 900 in the Town of Coventry. In its decision, the Council required Eversource to submit a Development and Management (D&M) Plan to reduce permanent impacts from access road construction.

Eversource submitted its D&M plan on November 29, 2016. Eversource proposes to rebuild an approximate 3.8 mile section of its 900 Line, a 69-kV transmission line extending in a southeast direction from Skungamaug Substation on North River Road (structure no. 6590) to Mansfield Junction south of Route 275 (structure no. 6629) in Coventry. To date, all access roads and work pads have been constructed.

Eversource proposes to implement the following steps, per the Company's Best Management Practices Manual: Connecticut Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements, 2011 (BMPs), which was prepared for Eversource by Tighe & Bond. Since the Petition filing, the BMPs have been updated and reissued in September 2016. Eversource's proposed action is consistent with both editions of the BMPs:

- 1) Reduce any upland access road areas to no more than a 16 foot total width in all cases, including any graveled shoulder areas.
- 2) Implement temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation ("E&S") controls, as necessary, per the BMPs.
- 3) Seed any disturbed areas and remove temporary E&S controls after stabilization is achieved.

Approximately 0.27 acre of wetlands were permanently filled with stone and gravel fill in existing access road crossings of wetlands (W4, W6, and W9). The permanent wetland crossings were built to a width of 12 feet.

Council staff recommends approval of the D&M Plan with the following conditions:

1. Reduce any wetland access road areas to no more than 12 foot total width consistent with Eversources's BMPs; and
2. Compliance with the reporting requirements under Section 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.



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