



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 17, 2016

Kathleen M. Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting  
Eversource Energy  
56 Prospect Street  
P.O. Box 270  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: PETITION NO. 1251** – Eversource Energy petition for a 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:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than October 28, 2016. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director

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c: Council Members

**Petition No. 1251  
Eversource  
Coventry  
Interrogatories**

1. What is the common policy for right-of-way (ROW) road building at Eversource?
2. Provide the rationale for the extent of the construction of the permanent improved access roads for both upland areas and wetland crossings?
3. What consideration was given to avoiding areas of sensitive environmental resources in designing the access roads?
4. Describe Eversource's best management practices for ROW access road construction and maintenance.
5. Describe any post construction mitigation/restoration measures to be employed with regard to the permanent improved access roads (i.e. could any permanent access roads, particularly in a wetland resources area, be made temporary or reduced in width?).