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Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: PETITION NO. 1287 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Redding to Wilton Project that includes structure and conductor replacements of approximately 5 miles of its existing No. 1470 115-kilovolt electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing Peaceable Station located at 520 Peaceable Street in Redding, Connecticut and the existing Wilton Substation located at 53 Old Danbury Road in Wilton, Connecticut, and related substation and transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received the petition for the above-referenced facility on January 26, 2017.

According to Section 16-50j-39a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "no declaratory ruling shall be issued to any person until a complete petition containing all information relevant by the Council has been filed."

Staff has reviewed this petition for completeness and has identified deficiencies in notice to abutting property owners in Petition Attachment A as follows:

- Line List #s 153, 154, and 301 are lacking owner names;
- An unidentified parcel east of Line List #301 is lacking a line list # and owner name;
- Clarify notice to Line List #224 that has a name, but no line list # on sheet 7; and
- Clarify notice to Line List #225 that is on sheet 7, but no owner listed.

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "Prior to submitting a petition for a declaratory ruling to the Council, the petitioner shall, where applicable, provide notice to each person other than the petitioner appearing as record as an owner of property which abuts the proposed primary or alternative sites of the proposed facility, each person appearing of record as an owner of the property or properties on which the primary or alternative proposed facility is to be located, and the appropriate municipal officials and government agencies. Proof of such notice shall be submitted with the petition for declaratory ruling."

Therefore, the petition is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that the petitioner provide proof of service of a copy of the petition for a declaratory ruling on abutting property owners, as described above, on or before February 14, 2017. If additional time is needed to provide notice to the abutting property owners, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to February 14, 2017.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-827-2951.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney

c: Council Members