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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 23, 2016

Kathleen Shanley
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Eversource Energy
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Hartford, CT 06141-0270

RE: **PETITION NO. 1201** – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed reconductoring of approximately 1.75 miles of its existing No. 1810 115-kV transmission line from Forestville Junction in Southington to Lake Avenue Junction in Bristol, rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately 1.85 miles of its existing Nos. 1800 and 1810 115-kV transmission lines from Southington Substation in Southington to Structure No. 1815 in Southington, reinforcement of an existing transmission structure at Southington Substation in Southington, and related substation and transmission line structure improvements. Request for Modification.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

At a public meeting held on June 23, 2016, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the request for modification of the above referenced facility, dated June 9, 2016, to relocate the access drive to avoid encroaching on an existing parking area.

All work is to be implemented as specified in the request and associated site plan submitted on June 9, 2016 and is subject to the following conditions:

1. The modified access shall be restored to pre-construction conditions as specified in Eversource's letter dated June 9, 2016; and
2. Approval of any additional minor modifications to Petition No. 1201 shall be delegated to Council staff.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

Enclosure: Staff Report dated June 23, 2016

RS/MP/lm

- c: The Honorable Michael Riccio, Chairman, Town of Southington
Garry Brumback, Town Manager, Town of Southington
Robert Phillips, Director of Planning and Community Development, Town of Southington
The Honorable Ken Cockayne, Mayor, City of Bristol
William Veits, Planning Commission Chairman, City of Bristol





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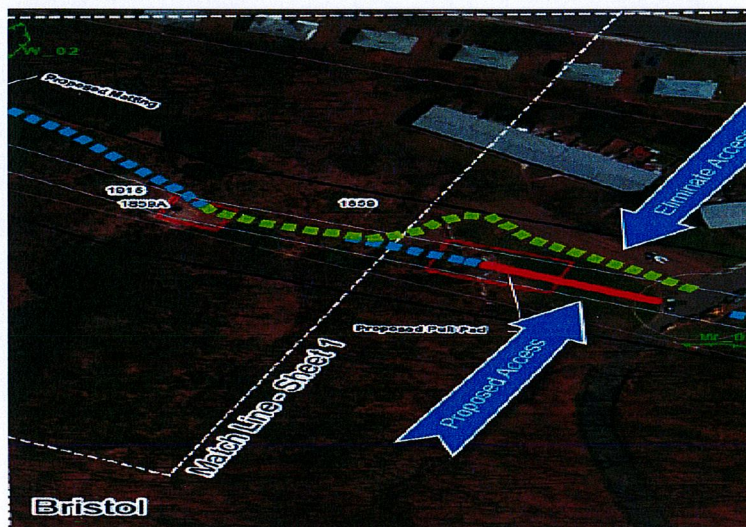
Petition No. 1201 -- Revision
The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy
Southington and Bristol, Connecticut
Staff Report
June 23, 2016

On November 25, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a petition (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 the existing #1800 115-kV transmission line and the #1810 115-kV transmission line within existing rights-of-way located in Bristol and Southington. The Petition was approved by the Council on January 21, 2016. A Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan) was not required.

By letter dated June 9, 2016, Eversource requested to modify its access to structure 1859A along the #1810 transmission line right-of-way in Bristol. Currently, Eversource has existing access from the Lakeside Drive cul-de-sac to structure 1859A. This existing access traverses through an area utilized for additional parking by the residents of the South Mountain Condominiums (SMC). The use of this existing access for construction purposes was approved in Petition No. 1201 on January 21, 2016. However, the use of this access would result in the loss of the additional parking area for the SMC during the construction process. To avoid disruption of SMC's parking area during construction activity by Eversource for Petition No. 1201, Eversource proposes a temporarily modified access route to structure 1859A. The new access would still be located within the limits of the transmission line right-of-way. (See aerial photograph below.) No wetlands or other sensitive resource areas are located within the modified access route. The new access would traverse approximately 100 feet of lawn within the right-of-way. Upon completion of construction, this access drive would be removed, and the area would be restored to pre-construction conditions. Representatives of the SMC are in support of this proposed revision.

If approved, staff recommends including the following conditions:

- a) The modified access shall be restored to pre-construction conditions as specified in Eversource's letter dated June 9, 2016; and
- b) Approval of any additional minor modifications to Petition No. 1201 shall be delegated to Council staff.



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