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Kathleen Shanley
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1216** – Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to its existing Long Mountain Switching Station located at Long Mountain Road, New Milford, Connecticut and the reconductoring of approximately 5.3 miles of its existing No. 398 345-kV transmission line from Long Mountain Switching Station to the New York/Connecticut state line in New Milford, Sherman, and Kent, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated December 28, 2018 regarding the minor project changes to the above-referenced declaratory ruling that was approved by the Council on April 1, 2016 and a request for an extension of time to complete construction.

Consistent with the Council's Decision, the request to update the access road locations and reconfigure certain work pads and pull pads is hereby approved. To the extent practical, Eversource will maximize the use of existing permanent maintenance access roads. Eversource has also modified certain work and pull pads to better accommodate topographic conditions, based on more recent constructability reviews. Such modifications will not result in any increased environmental effects, and temporary impacts to water resources would be reduced by eliminating access across and timber matting in certain wetlands.

Consistent with the Council's Decision, the request to utilize 333 Boardman Road, New Milford as a staging/laydown area is hereby approved. This staging/laydown area will be used principally by Eversource contractors for the staging and storage of material, timber mats, office trailers, as well as vehicle and equipment parking.

Consistent with the Council's Decision, the request to perform work on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., as needed, is approved. The use of occasional Sunday work hours will facilitate overall project construction in accordance with the current outage schedule.

Pursuant to Condition No. 2 of the Council's Decision, a nine-month extension of time to December 30, 2019 to complete construction is granted.



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These approvals apply only to the minor project changes and request for extension of time dated December 28, 2018. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Council Members

The Honorable Bruce K. Adams, First Selectman, Town of Kent
John A. Johnson, Chairman, Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of Kent
The Honorable Pete Bass, Mayor, Town of New Milford
Laura Regan, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of New Milford
The Honorable Clay Cope, First Selectman, Town of Sherman
Ronald Cooper, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Sherman