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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 12, 2016

Kathleen M. Shanley
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Hartford, CT 06141-0270

RE: **PETITION NO. 1225** – Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately two miles of its existing No. 1682 115-kV transmission line within existing right of way from the Wilton Substation at 53 Old Danbury Road, Wilton to Norwalk Junction at 111 Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Request for Modification.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

At a public meeting held on December 8, 2016, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the request for modifications to the above referenced declaratory ruling, dated November 29, 2016. The modifications include changes to the route of the access roads and changes to the materials used to establish work pads.

All work is to be implemented as specified in the request and associated site plans submitted on November 29, 2016 and is subject to the following conditions:

1. Use of off-road construction equipment that meets the latest EPA or California Air Resources Board standards, or in the alternative, equipment with the best available controls on diesel emissions, including, but not limited to, retrofitting with diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters and use of ultra-low sulfur fuel;
2. Compliance with the provisions of Section 22a-174-18(b)(3)(C) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies that limit the idling of mobile sources to 3 minutes; and
3. Approval of any minor project changes 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 December 8, 2016

RS/RDM/lm

c: The Honorable Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectman, Town of Wilton
Robert Nerney, Director of Planning and Land Use Management, Town of Wilton



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Petition No. 1225 – Revision Eversource – 1682 Line Upgrade, Wilton

Staff Report December 8, 2016

On May 26, 2016, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved a petition filed by 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 the proposed modifications to transmission line no. 1682 in the Town of Wilton.

On November 29, 2016, Eversource submitted correspondence to the Council requesting a change to the configuration of the approved project, specifically modifications to the approved access roads to avoid an existing guy-wire supporting a Metro-North Railroad stanchion and the use of different materials for two work pads.

To avoid the guy-wire, Eversource proposes to extend an approved access road off Wolfpit Road in a northwest direction from Structure 3010 to Structures 3009, 3008, and 3007. The proposed access road extension would require the installation of temporary construction mats affecting a total of 1,839 square feet of wetlands and would require three watercourse crossings using Eversource Best Management Practices. The previously approved access to these structures was in a southeast direction from Structure 3006 through 780 square feet of wetlands and through one watercourse. The guy-wire cannot be relocated in a timely manner to meet the Project schedule.

The materials used to establish work pads adjacent to structures 3008 and 3009 would be changed from gravel to timber matting to avoid soil disturbance to adjacent wetland resources and the Norwalk River.

If approved, staff recommends including the following conditions:

- a. Use of off-road construction equipment that meets the latest EPA or California Air Resources Board standards, or in the alternative, equipment with the best available controls on diesel emissions, including, but not limited to, retrofitting with diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters and use of ultra-low sulfur fuel;
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