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March 28, 2017

Helen Taylor Project Siting Specialist Eversource Energy P.O. Box 270 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.

Dear Ms. Taylor:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your email correspondence dated March 27, 2017, regarding changes to work hours for the above-referenced project that was approved by the Council on May 26, 2016. The changes include Sunday work on the following days: April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; and June 4, 11. Sunday works hours would be from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm except in residential areas north and south of Wolfpit Road where work would occur from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Sunday work hours are necessary to accelerate construction within the scheduled outage to avoid the risk of a contingency event on the system that could cause customer outages and to complete the project in advance of the summer electric system peak loading.

Pursuant to Condition No. 2 of the Council's May 26, 2016 Decision, your request to perform Sunday construction work as indicated above is hereby approved. This approval applies only to the request for changes to work hours in your email correspondence dated March 27, 2017. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

MB/RM

c: Council Members

Kathleen Shanley, Manager-Transmission Siting, Eversource 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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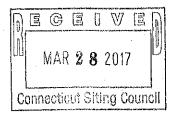
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PET 1225: 1682 Line Upgrade Sunday Work Hours



Dear Melanie Bachman:

Eversource is requesting Council staff's approval of Sunday work hours (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) in April through June 2017. The reason for this request is to accelerate work within the scheduled outage so as to avoid or minimize the risk of customer outages that could occur as a result of a "Single Contingency Loss of Load event" on the system during construction of the 1682 Line. Eversource is taking actions to mitigate this risk including arranging for the installation of a by-pass for emergency restoration.

The Project is requesting the Sunday work hours to minimize the length of the outage, thereby reducing the exposure window. By working the Sundays listed below, crews will be able to complete the work prior to summer when system loads are at their highest. The noise level of the equipment during the Sunday work hours would be similar to the noise level created during the approved working hours.

The proposed Sunday work hours schedule is a follows:

- April 16, 23, and 30
- May 7, 14, and 21, 28
- June 4 and 11

Adjacent land uses are primarily a mix of commercial, residential and undeveloped lands. Approximately 1.85 miles of the Project corridor runs parallel to the Metro-North commuter railroad, rail system. When working in the residential areas both north and south of Wolfpit Road in the Town of Wilton, crews would work 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. on the requested Sundays.

Municipal officials and abutters will be contacted about this work in advance of work activities.

If you have any questions or concerns about this work, please contact me.

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