

September 2, 2016

Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Petition No. 1225  
1682 Line Upgrade Project - *Condition #1*

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On May 27, 2016, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) received a Declaratory Ruling from the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need would not be required for the 1682 Line upgrade proposed in Petition No. 1225 ("Project"). The Council's Declaratory Ruling includes eight conditions with which Eversource must comply in constructing and operating the Project.

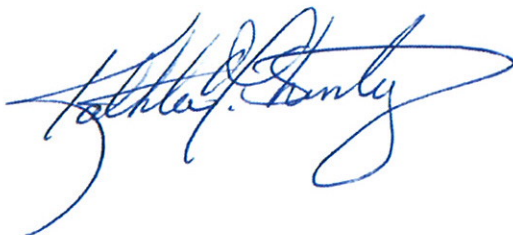
Condition 1 of the Council's ruling requires "Eversource to provide to the Council a copy of SHPO's response and/or mitigation measures in regards to the professional archeological reconnaissance survey to be conducted."

By letter dated August 31, 2016, The State Historic Preservation Office notified Eversource that it concurs with the findings of the Heritage report (June 2016) that no historic properties will be affected by the Project (see Attachment).

Enclosed with this original are two copies of this submission.

If you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [kathleen.shanley@eversource.com](mailto:kathleen.shanley@eversource.com) or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,



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August 31, 2016

Mr. Bob Deptula  
Environmental Affairs  
Eversource Energy  
107 Selden Street  
Berlin, CT 06037

Subject: Line 1682 Upgrade Project  
Wilton, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Deptula:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the Final Report prepared by Heritage Consultants (Heritage), dated June 2016. Eversource Energy (Eversource) plans to replace Structures 3005, 3006, and 3011 along Line 1682. The completed archeological investigation examined the work pads associated with each of the structure replacements, as well as two access roads. As a result of certification by the Connecticut Siting Council, the proposed activities are subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The submitted report is comprehensive and meets the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

During the archeological reconnaissance survey, 43 shovel tests were excavated systematically throughout the proposed work pads and access roads. Subsurface testing failed to identify any artifacts or evidence of cultural features. As a result, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project areas are not warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact me at (860) 256-2764 or [catherine.labadia@ct.gov](mailto:catherine.labadia@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

Catherine Labadia  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer