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RE: Petition No. 1226
Towantic Switching Station and Line Modification Project
*Proposed Contractor Staging Area/laydown Yard for Line Modification Project:
137 East Aurora Street, City of Waterbury*

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 planned 115-kilovolt (kV) Towantic Switching Station and related modifications to the existing 1575 and 1585 115-kV transmission lines presented in Petition No. 1226 (referred to herein as "the Project"). The Council's Declaratory Ruling included 19 conditions with which Eversource must comply in constructing and operating the proposed facilities.

Condition 1 of the Council's ruling requires Eversource to, "file the locations of the laydown and staging areas with the Council for staff approval prior to utilizing such areas in constructing the project." Accordingly, Eversource submits the above-referenced proposed contractor staging area/laydown yard to the Council for staff review and approval.

To support material deliveries and related construction activities for the Project, Eversource's prime line contractor, Michels Corporation, proposes to use a portion of a previously-disturbed, upland site, located at 137 East Aurora Street in the north-central portion of the City of Waterbury, for use as a staging area/laydown yard.

The proposed staging area/laydown yard is located on an approximately 3.01-acre upland portion of a larger property owned by 137 East Aurora, LLC and VBL Realty, LLC and is currently used as a stockpile area. The site is bordered by the James H. Darcey Memorial Highway (Route 8), East Aurora Street, and other industrial use sites. The Naugatuck River is located approximately 400 feet to the east. Attachment 1 illustrates the site location, access from East Aurora Street, proximity to the Naugatuck River, and existing land uses on or near the site.

Analysis of U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps and aerial photography indicates that the property has remained mostly vacant or used for general industrial storage for the past several decades. The site does not encompass any water resources; is not located within a floodplain; has very little, if any, potential to contain intact cultural resources¹. The nearest residential uses are located on Huntington Place, which is approximately 830 feet to the east of the laydown yard, followed by Waterville Street, which is located to the east across Route 8 and the Naugatuck River and by Watertown Avenue, which is approximately 1,700 feet east of the laydown yard.

A review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental (CT DEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB) maps (December 2015) did not indicate the presence of any listed species habitat in the vicinity of the site.

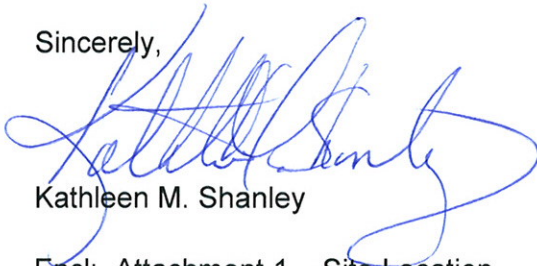
The staging area/laydown yard will include construction trailers and portable bathroom facilities, and will be used for the following types of construction supports activities:

- Storing construction materials, equipment, tools, and supplies;
- Parking construction vehicles, equipment, as well as the personal vehicles of construction personnel;
- Minor maintenance of construction equipment;
- Storing and assembling transmission line structure components;
- Temporary storage of materials prior to appropriate disposition from the Project.

No site preparation work will be required as the area being utilized for active construction support activities is supported by a ground-up asphalt base. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the site, as necessary, to minimize the potential for off-site erosion and in accordance with *Eversource's Best Management Practices Manual for Connecticut*.

Enclosed please find this original and two copies of the proposed staging area/laydown yard. Should you, the Council members, or Council staff have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Shanley

Encl: Attachment 1 – Site Location

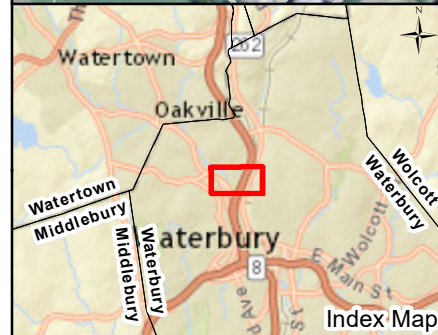
¹ The proposed site was reviewed by Heritage Consultants, LLC.

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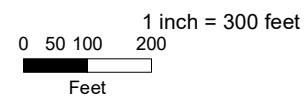
"Field Wetland" lines based on a 9/1/16 site visit by a Professional Wetland Scientist. No wetlands on or adjacent to site.

No NDDB areas per June 2016 CT GIS.

Laydown yard area (yellow) = 2.98 acres



- Legend**
- 2-Foot Contours
 - Parcels
 - Laydown Area
 - ▨ FEMA Regulatory Floodway
 - FEMA 100 Year Flood Zone
 - ★ Nearest Residences



Data Sources:
 GZA
 CTDEEP
 FEMA
 Town of Waterbury
 Base map from
 ESRI ArcGIS Online

**PROPOSED MATERIAL LAYDOWN YARD
 TOWANTIC LINE MODIFICATION PROJECT**

137 EAST AURORA STREET, WATERBURY, CT
 SEPTEMBER 2016

