

November 1, 2016

Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Petition No. 1230
Stony Hill Substation Project

Dear Chairman Stein:

On June 24, 2016, the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) ruled that the work proposed in the subject Petition would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect and, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50k, would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. As a condition of the ruling, the Council required that Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) examine the feasibility of extending the new access from Deer Trail Drive. Eversource is submitting this letter to comply with this condition.

Since the time of the Council’s ruling, Eversource has re-evaluated the civil requirements, and associated impacts, for the proposed access off of Stony Hill Road and also for an access within Eversource property off of Deer Trail Drive. As a result of this review, Eversource has determined that a proposed access off of Deer Trail Drive is a feasible and more attractive alternative to the access proposed by Eversource in its Petition, based on a number of factors, but also cost. However, Eversource has also re-examined the feasibility of using its existing access road at the north side of the property. After further consultation with its contractors regarding the transport, delivery and positioning of the synchronous condenser, Eversource has determined that the existing access can be utilized with some modifications that will not impact the wetland on the east side of the property. The modifications to the existing access do not result in any clearing and are comparable in cost with the alternative access off of Deer Trail Drive, making re-use of the existing access under the revised strategy for the delivery of the synchronous condenser the more feasible alternative.

If you have any questions 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 or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,



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