

July 25, 2016

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: **PETITION NO. 1240** - Wallingford Energy, LLC, on behalf of the Town of Wallingford Electric Division, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the town's existing Wallingford 13M substation located at 195 East Street in Wallingford and modifications to several existing town-owned 115-kV electric transmission lines including the reconductoring and extension of the 1305 line, the circuit-separation of the 1630 and 1640 lines and the potential re-routing of the 1208 line located in Wallingford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Wallingford Energy, LLC ("WE") appreciates the Connecticut Siting Council's (the "Council") review of our petition for declaratory ruling. With this letter, WE provides responses to the Council's questions delivered July 20, 2016. Per the Council's instruction the original and 15 copies of this letter have been sent in addition to an electronic copy. Please find below a list of the Council's questions in bold font, followed by WE's response to each item.

Additionally, WE has been informed that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concluded its review of the project and determined no historic properties will be affected. Copies of the letter issued by the SHPO expressing their findings have been enclosed.

- 1. What are the proposed (typical) construction hours and days of the week, e.g. Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.? Is it correct to say that some non-standard work hours may be possible to due time constraints associated with line outages?**

WE Response: Typical construction hours will be Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Limited outage windows, dictated by the needs of connecting utilities, may present the temporary need for non-standard work hours. Wallingford Energy is currently coordinating with the Town's Electric Division to establish when outages can most efficiently be taken.

2. **What size/type of conductors would be used for the #1630/#1640 line separation, e.g. 556 kilo-circular mill (kcmil) aluminum conductor steel reinforced (ACSR)?**

WE Response: The conductor for the #1630 line will not be modified or removed as part of this project, and will remain in place for the duration of construction. The newly separated #1640 line will utilize a 1272 ACSR (45/7) "Bittern" conductor, identical to that which is currently in use.

3. **The existing transmission structures that currently support the #1630 and #1640 lines are double-circuit structures with arms on both sides for conductors in a vertical configuration. After the proposed separation project, the existing double-circuit transmission structures would remain with one circuit (#1630) left on them. Would the unused arms on each structure remain in place or be removed?**

WE Response: Following the proposed separation the unused arms on the former double circuit structures are to remain in place. This offers the Town greater flexibility for potential future use of the structures. Given the general visual character of the project area is influenced by existing transmission structures, generation equipment, and Town operations, removal of the arms would offer negligible aesthetic benefit.

Sincerely,



Brandon Pollpeter

Enclosure (1) – SHPO Project Review Determination Letter



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July 5, 2016

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Subject: Wallingford Substation and Transmission System upgrade
Pent Road junction
Wallingford, CT

Dear Mr. Pollpeter:

The State Historic Preservation Office is in receipt of the proposal for the above-referenced project, submitted for review and comment pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act.

After completing review of the subject property, SHPO has determined that no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For further information please contact Todd Levine, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 256-2759 or todd.levine@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Office

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