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Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1286** - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed West Brookfield Reliability Project that includes reconductoring of approximately 1.4 miles of its existing No. 1887 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing West Brookfield Substation located at 83 Prange Road and the existing West Brookfield Junction near Pocono Road in Brookfield, Connecticut, installation of two 14.4 Megavolt Ampere Reactive (MVAR) capacitor banks at the West Brookfield Substation located at 83 Prange Road, Brookfield, Connecticut and related substation and transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated May 3, 2019, regarding the minor project changes to the above-referenced declaratory ruling that was approved by the Council on March 20, 2017. Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's Declaratory Ruling on March 20, 2017, your request to modify the Project is approved. The minor project changes are necessary based on drainage concerns, potential safety issues and landscape enhancements. The proposed changes include the following:

- a) Improvements to site drainage by installing additional rip rap at the plunge pools on the north, west and southeast sides of the expanded substation, and by installing rip rap at the southeast corner of the expanded substation instead of an originally proposed vegetated strip;
- b) Install a four-foot high chain link fence, connected to existing site fencing, to deter potential public access to the three plunge pools on the north side of the expanded substation. Although the plunge pools are on Eversource property, persons may inadvertently trespass onto Eversource's property from a public park located to the west; and
- c) Modification of proposed landscape plantings by installing fewer plantings to accommodate a request from an abutting landowner who already has installed new plantings adjacent to the property line.

This approval applies only to the minor project changes dated May 3, 2019. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

- c: Honorable Stephen Dunn, First Selectman, Town of Brookfield
Ralph Tedesco, Director of Public Works, Town of Brookfield
Council Members