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

Re: Petition 1286: West Brookfield Reliability Project

Development and Management Plan Amendment

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) submitted a Development and Management Plan ("D&M Plan") on May 1, 2017 to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council). On May 26, 2017, the Council approved the D&M Plan and, in its ruling, allowed requests for any changes to the D&M Plan be approved by Council staff. Accordingly, Eversource respectfully requests approval of the following changes.

Drainage Feature Modifications

During construction, the Project installed plunge pools to the north, west and southeast of the expanded substation that were incompletely identified as "rip rap", on the attached drawing 11801-11010, in order to improve post construction site drainage. After the completion of construction and before the minor D&M Plan change could be conveyed to the Council, standing water was observed for prolonged periods of time after heavy rains at these locations, posing a liability and safety concern requiring immediate remediation. Additional rip rap was added to these features to displace the standing water and to encourage more complete drainage (see attached drawing 11801-11015), while still preserving the primary purpose of reducing velocity of the draining water. These modifications have been correctly labelled as "plunge pools" on the revised drawing in order to more accurately describe the as-constructed features. In addition, the area at the southeast corner of the expanded substation was modified by extending the rip rap across the originally proposed vegetated strip to encourage more complete and expedient drainage.

Safety Fence Addition

After further consideration of the above drainage features, Eversource has determined that a continued liability and safety concern exists, due to the heavily armored nature of the plunge pools in the side yard, which can be easily accessed by neighboring children and adults and persons visiting the park across the street. To mitigate this concern, Eversource is proposing the addition of a 4-foot chain link fence to the north of the expansion area. The fencing, identified as AM2 on the referenced drawing, will connect to the retaining walls on the east and west sides of the expanded substation and will deter public access

to the enclosed area containing three of the "plunge pools"1.

Modification to Landscaping

Subsequent to the Council's approval of the D&M Plan, Eversource's continued discussions with the property owner located to the west of the expanded substation. As a result, the abutter expressed a preference for plantings on their own property and agreed that this accommodation negated the need for additional plantings on the substation property that were intended to act as a buffer between the substation facility and this property owner (the approved plantings are identified as those with red clouds around them on the attached Visual Mitigation Landscape Planning plan). Eversource now proposes that the approved landscaping plan be modified to limit the plantings on Eversource property to the southwest corner of the entrance to the substation, which will be installed as proposed.

Eversource submits an original and 15 copies of this request. Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me at via email at kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at 860-728-4527.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Stephen Dunn, First Selectman, Town of Brookfield Ralph Tedesco, Director of Public Works, Town of Brookfield

¹ The fourth plunge pool located southeast of the expanded substation is not visible and located in an area less accessible to the public.





