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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 7, 2019

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1287** - Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Redding to Wilton Project that includes structure and conductor replacements of approximately 5 miles of its existing No. 1470 115-kilovolt electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing Peaceable Substation located at 520 Peaceable Street in Redding, Connecticut and the existing Wilton Substation located at 53 Old Danbury Road in Wilton, Connecticut, and related substation and transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Attorney Lord:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the written notification dated January 7, 2019 regarding the advanced deterioration and cross arm failure of existing Structure No. 2959 on the 1470 Line in Wilton, causing unacceptable conductor sag and the potential for imminent structure failure. This structure was part of the above-referenced Redding to Wilton Upgrade Project within the 1470 Line right-of-way that was approved by the Council on March 3, 2017 and specified certain structure replacements and repairs in order to support new conductors along the 1470 Line. Although Structure No. 2959 was not previously identified as in need of replacement, the most recent assessment of the structure determined it is in poor condition and must be replaced immediately. .

The Council hereby acknowledges that the present condition of Structure No. 2959 necessitates immediate replacement under emergency conditions beginning the week of January 7, 2019 with an estimated completion date of January 20, 2019. The Council also acknowledges that the Town of Wilton and the property owner, the Aspetuck Land Trust, have been notified of the emergency structure replacement.

This acknowledgment applies only to the notification of emergency replacement of Structure No. 2959. Any significant changes to the above-referenced project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members

From: Lord, Andrew [<mailto:andrew.lord@eversource.com>]
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Subject: Emergency Replacement of Structure 2959 - 1470 Line, Wilton

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On January 26, 2017, Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed Petition No. 1287 with the Connecticut Siting Council for the Redding to Wilton Project (1470 Line), which was approved on 3/2/17. Eversource has not yet commenced work on the project and will be filing an amendment to the Petition for the replacement of additional structures, including the subject Structure No. 2959. In early December, an Eversource maintenance crew was conducting routine patrols within the 1470 Line right-of-way utilizing drone aerial inspections and identified that Structure 2959 was exhibiting cross arm failure due to the advanced deterioration, resulting in conductor sag and potentially, imminent failure of the structure (see the photographs, below). Eversource is providing written confirmation subsequent to the verbal notice provided to the Council on January 4, that Structure 2959 must be replaced immediately under emergency conditions. The Eversource maintenance crews will be mobilized to complete the structure replacement during the week of January 7, 2019. It is expected that the work will be completed on or about January 20, 2019. The Town of Wilton and the property owner, the Aspetuck Land Trust, have been notified of the emergency structure replacement.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Andrew Lord







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