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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: PETITION NO. 1291 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the Towantic Line Upgrades Project that includes rebuilding and reconductoring approximately 4.4 miles of its existing 115-kilovolt electric transmission lines within existing Eversource right of way between Devon 7R Substation and East Devon Junction both located in the City of Milford, Connecticut; between the West Devon Junction located in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut and Trumbull Junction located in the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut; and between Devon 7R Substation located in the City of Milford, Connecticut and West Devon Junction located in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut and related transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than March 23, 2017. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Council Members

Petition No. 1291
Eversource Energy
Milford, Stratford and Trumbull, CT
Interrogatories

1. Is the proposed project identified on the ISO-NE Regional System Plan Project list dated October 2016?
2. Would the installation of proposed Structure No. 722 result in direct (and permanent) wetland impacts? If yes, about how many square feet of direct wetland impacts are expected? Would any additional permitting (other than Council review) be required for such direct wetland impacts, or would it be exempt because of the small footprint?
3. Could Structure No. 722 be shifted slightly to the north of Structure No. 811 to minimize or avoid wetland impacts? If no, explain why not.
4. On page 31 of the Petition, Eversource notes that four transmission structures would be removed and replaced within the 100-year Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood zone. Would such structures be designed to withstand such possible inundation?
5. Does Eversource expect that proposed Structure Nos. 815 and 816 (and associated foundations) would have a significant adverse impact on archaeological resources as located in the red "Moderate/High Sensitivity" area in the August 18, 2016 Integrated Historic Preservation Planning report, Figure 6, Sheet 3?
6. Page 9 of the Petition notes that, "Existing cellular facilities located on existing Structures 826 and 830 (both in Stratford) will be relocated to the new 1710/1730 line structures. Cellular facilities located on existing Structure 833 are not expected to require replacement. Eversource is coordinating with the cellular carrier regarding the relocations." If the Petition is approved, does Eversource anticipate that the cellular carriers would file with the Council for the cellular facility modifications associated with such relocations?
7. Pages 15 and 38 of the Petition discuss construction-related noise. Would Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) noise control standards be met for the project post-construction?

8. Did Eversource submit a Certificate of Permission (COP) Application Form to DEEP regarding the proposed line upgrade in the Coastal Boundary? Has Eversource received a response from DEEP regarding the submission of the COP form?