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Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1291** - Eversource Energy 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) is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 7, 2019 regarding the minor project changes to the above-referenced declaratory ruling that was issued by the Council on April 28, 2017.

Pursuant to Condition No. 4 of the Council's Decision on April 28, 2017, your request to install a new access road from Kings Row to the existing access road located within Eversource's right-of-way (and adjacent to Structure No. 819) is hereby approved.

Additional work is needed on Structure No. 819, and by accessing it via this new access road, it will eliminate the need to re-install the matted access road through wetlands located east of the structure. Such temporary construction matting has already been removed during the restoration process.

This approval applies only to the minor project changes dated October 7, 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

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c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members
Susan Bellion, Project Siting Specialist, Eversource