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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1293** - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission facility asset condition maintenance improvements to comply with the updated National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements. **Sub-petition BR-02_Bethel_Redding.**

Dear Attorney Michaud:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Redding's Notice of Appearance, Request for Limited Appearance, and Request for an Extension of Time to submit written comments on the above-referenced sub-petition for a declaratory ruling (sub-petition) dated September 10, 2018.

The Council established a 30-day period from the date notice of the sub-petition is provided to the towns and abutting property owners for the submission of any comments or concerns about the project. The deadline date for comments on this sub-petition is September 24, 2018.

The Council hereby grants the Town of Redding's Request for Limited Appearance and also grants the Request for an Extension of Time to submit written comments on the above-referenced sub-petition to October 24, 2018. Any written comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

The National Electric Safety Code (NESC) is the authoritative code for ensuring the continued practical safeguarding of persons and utility facilities during the installation, operation and maintenance of electric power and communications utility systems, including substations, overhead lines and underground lines. NESC changes in the standards for the design of transmission line structures frequently result in necessary height increases of replacement transmission line structures to comply with new standards, including, but not limited to, compliance with NESC conductor clearance requirements. This requires utilities to evaluate installation of a replacement transmission line structure in accordance with all of the new applicable codes and standards. Compliance with the NESC standards requires Eversource Energy to evaluate the integrity of its utility structures and implement repair, upgrade or replacement in order to ensure the safe and reliable transmission of electric power to its customers. Due to compromised asset conditions, utility structures exhibiting age, weathering, cracking, splitting, rot and woodpecker holes must be replaced to comply with the NESC.

In reaching a final decision on a request under Petition No. 1293, the Council carefully considers whether the request complies with the NESC standards.



Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council's office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie A. Bachman', written in a cursive style.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Kathleen Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting, Eversource
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