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Melanie Backman, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-FNNBB-01 (Farmington, Newington, New Britain, Berlin) Request for Access Road Change in Newington

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On January 11, 2019, Eversource Energy ("Eversource") received from the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") an acknowledgement of the subject sub-petition filing to replace 77 transmission structures along an existing Eversource transmission line right-of-way ("ROW") in the Towns of Farmington, Newington, New Britain, and Berlin, subject to conditions.

Eversource Energy is requesting staff approval for the following change to the scope of work presented in the subject Sub-Petition:

## Change in Access to Structures 16061 and 7071 in Newington

The location of this requested change is in Newington along Fenn Road, just north of Milk Lane. The change is depicted on revised Map Sheet 6, dated March 4, 2019 (see Attachment A).

In the sub-petition filing, Eversource identified access to structures 16061 and 7071 from Fenn Road. Subsequently, this access was identified as a safety concern due to the sharp angle of approach/exit and the high volume of traffic along Fenn Road. Furthermore, access from Fenn Road to the Work Area would require the removal of guardrail and extensive traffic control measures.

Following a review of possible access options with the contractor, it has been determined that the safest access to the Work Area is from the approved Milk Lane access point within the Eversource ROW. The proposed new access road would extend northeast from the approved work area for structure 16060. The new access road will consist of temporary construction matting, which will result in an additional  $\pm$  3,095 square feet of temporary wetland impacts. To ensure a consistent/stable work platform and eliminate the placement of stone in upland areas, temporary construction matting will now encompass the entire work pads for structures 16060, 16061 and 7071.

Eversource herewith respectfully requests approval for the requested changes. Enclosed please find an original and 3 copies of this submission. Should you, the Council members or Council staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at <u>kathleen.shanley@eversource.com</u> or telephone at (860)728-4527.

Sincerely,

Enclosure





