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

Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-MI-01 - Request for Access Road Change in Middletown

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On December 14, 2018, Eversource Energy ("Eversource") received from the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") an acknowledgement of the subject sub-petition filing to replace 25 transmission structures along an existing Eversource transmission line right-of-way ("ROW") in the Town of Middletown, 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 Road from Arbutus Street to Coleman Road in Middletown for structure #6065

The location of this requested change is located in Middletown off Coleman Road just south of the intersection with Kelsey Street. This location is shown as "Proposed New Access Road" on the revised Map Sheet 2 dated January 8, 2019 (see Attachment A).

In the sub-petition filing, Eversource had shown access to structure 6065 by entering the Eversource ROW off Arbutus Street and traversing the ROW utilizing both an existing and proposed access road. This access would have required spanning a wetland/watercourse area and constructing a new section of access road up a steep hill adjacent to a residential property. After further review, it has been determined that impact to the residential property could be reduced and the steep hill avoided by accesses the ROW from Eversource property off Coleman Road. A portion of the newly proposed access road would be constructed with temporary construction matting to protect a farm field. Upon completion of the project the temporary matting would be removed and the area restored, as necessary. The remainder of the access road would be constructed with gravel and a portion will follow the edge of an existing hedge row that dissects the farm field. The proposed new access road would eliminate the wetland/watercourse crossing, reduce impact to the residential property, and avoid traversing the steep hill.

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 kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at (860)728-4527.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A MAPS



