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RE: **PETITION NO. 1314** – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed 1555 Line Rebuild Project consisting of the structure and conductor replacements on its existing 115-kilovolt electric transmission line extending approximately 6.6 miles within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between the existing Bulls Bridge Substation located at 781 Kent Road and the existing Rocky River Junction located off Boardman Road in New Milford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated September 28, 2018 regarding the minor project changes to the above-referenced declaratory ruling that was approved by the Council on August 31, 2017 (with subsequent amendments approved on February 20, 2018).

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's Decision on August 31, 2017, your request to perform the following is hereby approved:

- a) Maximize the use of existing permanent access roads;
- b) Realign certain proposed permanent access roads based on the results of recent constructability reviews, to accommodate topography and work pad construction design;
- c) Eliminate all but one of the roads designated as "Proposed Alternative Permanent Access Roads";
- d) Reconfigure certain work pads; and
- e) Utilize 333 Boardman Road, New Milford (which is already disturbed by past gravel/sand mining activities) as a staging/laydown area.

The proposed minor modifications to access roads and work pads will not result in any changes to the environmental effects and mitigation measures, as presented in the Petition, and will reduce temporary impacts to water resources by eliminating access across and timber matting in certain wetlands.

Also pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's Decision on August 31, 2017, your request to perform extended work hours on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. as needed is hereby approved. The use of occasional Sunday work will facilitate overall project construction in accordance with the current outage schedule.

This approval applies only to the minor project changes dated September 28, 2018. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.




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Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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