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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 February 21, 2019 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 and October 2, 2018).

Subsequent to the Council's approval of the 2018 Petition amendments, Eversource conducted further engineering analyses and determined that other proposed structure relocations for the #1555 Line Rebuild Project require minor changes to better align the conductor and provide additional distance between the foundations of existing structures and the foundations of the proposed structures. All proposed structure relocations would remain on the same work pads per the declaratory ruling (as amended) except for the work pads specifically identified below.

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

- a) Modify structure locations as specified in the Attachment A drawings;
- b) Expand the temporary timber mat work pad (for Structure No. 573) by approximately 30 feet to the south and 20 feet to the west to provide additional work space for the installation of the replacement structure at the revised location. This expanded work area would be located entirely within an upland area;
- c) Expand the work pad (for Structure No. 567) by approximately 90 feet to the north and 40 feet to the west to provide additional space for construction equipment at the revised structure location. Additional gravel will be required to level the work space in a steep upland area;
- d) Expand the gravel work pad (for Structure No. 2621) by approximately 50 feet to the north and 50 feet to the west in an upland area to provide additional work space for structure installation construction;
- e) Reconfigure the work pad (for Structure No. 2613) consisting of timber mats, to add an area of approximately 60 feet by 75 feet within Wetland W22 along the northeast side of the ROW to provide additional temporary work space for the installation of the structure. A

corresponding area of temporary work pad will not be constructed, thus resulting in no net change to temporary wetland impacts;

- f) Add a new pull pad on Eversource property (between Structure Nos. 2626 and 2627); and
- g) Reconfigure the word pad at Structure No. 2605 to allow a portion of the pad to be used for conductor pulling operations.

The changes to electric and magnetic fields from the proposed re-alignment would be negligible. The proposed minor modifications to work pads and pull pads will not result in any changes to the environmental effects as presented in the declaratory ruling.

This approval applies only to the minor project changes dated February 21, 2019. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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