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February 9, 2018

Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1337** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed Stepstone to Green Hill Substation Upgrade Project that includes replacement of approximately 5.6 miles of its existing No. 1508 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between Stepstone Substation located at 50 Stepstone Road, Guilford, Connecticut and Green Hill Substation located at 775 Green Hill Road, Madison, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

Pursuant to the declaratory ruling issued by the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) on February 1, 2018 on the above-referenced petition, Council staff hereby approves the use of a contractor staging area/laydown yard for this project submitted to the Council on February 9, 2018. The staging area/laydown yard will be located at 517 Pond Meadow Road, Town of Westbrook. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the staging area, in accordance with Eversource's Best Management Practices until the project is completed.

This approval applies only to the proposed staging area/laydown yard provided in a request dated February 9, 2018. Any additional changes to the project require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's declaratory ruling on February 1, 2018.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

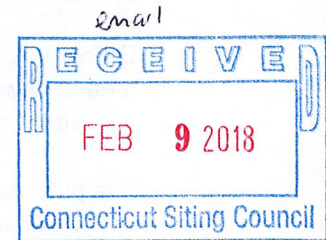
Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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- c: Council Members
Helen Taylor, Eversource Energy
The Honorable Noel Bishop, First Selectman, Town of Westbrook
Meg Parulis, AICP, Town Planner, Town of Westbrook
The Honorable Matthew T. Hoey III, First Selectman, Town of Guilford
George Kral, Town Planner, Town of Guilford
Regina Reid, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Guilford
The Honorable Thomas Banisch, First Selectman, Town of Madison
David Anderson, Town Planner, Town of Madison

February 9, 2018



Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Petition No. 1337
Stepstone to Green Hill Upgrade Project
*Request for Approval Staging Area/Laydown Yard
Westbrook*

Dear Chairman Stein:

On February 1, 2017, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved Petition No. 1337 regarding the Stepstone to Green Hill Upgrade Project (Project) in the towns of Guilford and Madison. To support the construction of the Project pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) requests Council staff approval for the use of a previously-developed site as a staging area/laydown yard.

The staging area/laydown yard will include construction trailers and portable bathroom facilities, and are expected to be used principally for the following types of Project construction support activities:

- Storing transmission facility construction materials, equipment, tools, fuel, and supplies (including conductors, insulators, hardware, poles, and timber mats);
- Parking construction vehicles, equipment, and the personal vehicles of construction personnel;
- Performing minor maintenance of construction equipment;
- Refueling construction equipment and vehicles;
- Storing and assembling transmission line structure components; and
- Storing materials temporarily, including transmission line components removed during the work (i.e., structures, conductor, hardware, insulators) prior to appropriate removal off-site for salvage and/or disposal.

The proposed staging area/laydown yard is described below:

- **Westbrook Site** (517 Pond Meadow Road, Town of Westbrook)

Eversource proposes to use the 8.5-acre Pond Meadow Road property for a staging area/laydown yard. The site location is a previously-developed property (please see attached aerial depicting the location).

The proposed staging area/laydown yard is not located within a floodplain; does not contain any wetlands or watercourses; has no potential to impact cultural resources (due to extensive past earth disturbance and no proposed grading); and is not directly proximate to any residential uses. A review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) publicly-available maps (December 2017) demonstrates that there are no state-or federally-listed species or significant natural communities polygons overlapping the proposed staging area/laydown yard.

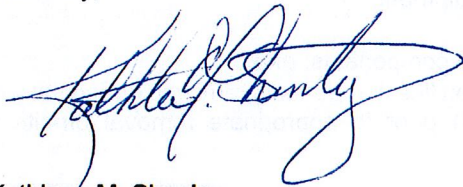
Some site preparation work, consisting of vegetation trimming along an existing access road and adding gravel where necessary, may be performed to supplement the existing gravel base on the site. Temporary erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the site, if necessary, to minimize the potential for erosion. Such controls will be installed and maintained in accordance with Eversource's Best Management Practices.

After the completion of Eversource activities, the affected area will be restored, as appropriate, pursuant to Eversource's lease agreement with the landowner.

Eversource has provided notice of the use of the proposed staging area for the Project to the Town of Westbrook.

Enclosed please find an original and three copies of this submission. Should you, other 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,



Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager, Transmission Siting

cc: The Honorable Noel Bishop, First Selectman, Town of Westbrook

Proposed Westbrook Location, Town of Westbrook Site Location



- Legend**
- Proposed Laydown Area
 - Existing Gravel Access Road
 - Approximate Parcel Boundary (CTDEEP GIS)
 - Delineated Wetland Boundary
 - Delineated Wetland Area
 - Open Water (CTDEEP)
 - Watercourse (CTDEEP)
 - Natural Diversity Database Area (CTDEEP; Dec. 2017)

Proposed Laydown Area
 Stepstone to Green Hill Upgrade Project
 517 Pond Meadow Road
 Westbrook, Connecticut

Map Notes:
 Base Map Source: 2016 Aerial Photograph (CTECO)
 Map Scale: 1 inch = 350 feet
 Map Date: February 2018

