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Kathleen M. Shanley
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Eversource Energy
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1344** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement of approximately 11 miles of its existing No. 1342 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing Green Hill Substation located at 775 Green Hill Road in Madison and the existing Bokum Substation located at 49 Bokum Road in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, traversing Madison, Killingworth, Clinton, Westbrook, Essex and Old Saybrook, and related electric transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated September 6, 2018 regarding minor project changes to the Westbrook portion of the above-referenced project that was approved by the Council on July 19, 2018. The minor project changes consist of the following:

- 1) Modify access to Structures 4860 and 4861, west of Horse Hill Road, by using an existing gravel road that partially extends off of the right-of-way at the request of the underlying property owner. Use of this existing road, maintained by the underlying property owner, would not require Eversource to construct a new access road between these structures, as originally proposed. Although the existing road is adjacent to a wetland and vernal pool, Eversource would only need to improve the travel surface, and wetland impacts are not anticipated.
- 2) Eversource has obtained access rights to partially utilize off-right-of-way access to Structures 4859 and 4860. This secured access would avoid the construction of a new road through an existing meadow maintained by the underlying property owner between these two structures. Additionally, construction matting would be used around Structure 4860 to protect an affected portion of the meadow.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's July 19, 2018 Declaratory Ruling, your request for the above minor project changes, as detailed in your September 6, 2018 correspondence, is hereby approved. This approval applies only to the minor project changes described in your September 6, 2018 correspondence. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alvin Bae

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: The Honorable Noel Bishop, First Selectman, Town of Westbrook
Eric Knapp, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Westbrook