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April 9, 2019

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1351** - 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 Wallingford to Branford Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement of approximately 10 miles of its existing No. 1655 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right of way between the existing East Wallingford Junction located at Traditions Golf Course in Wallingford and the existing Branford Substation located at 272 East Main Street in Branford, Connecticut, traversing Wallingford, North Haven, East Haven, North Branford and Branford, and related electric transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

Pursuant to the declaratory ruling issued by the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) on December 7, 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 April 8, 2019. The staging area/laydown yard will be located on a seven-acre parcel owned by Hamilton Branford LLC located at 81 Commercial Parkway in Branford. The property has been previously disturbed; does not contain wetlands or watercourses; has no potential to contain intact cultural resources; and is not near any residential areas. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the staging area/laydown yard, 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 your request dated April 8, 2019. Any additional changes to the project require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's declaratory ruling on December 7, 2018.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

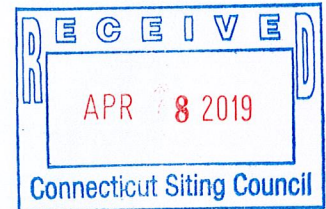
Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors
Council Members

April 8, 2019

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



RE: Petition No.1351 – Wallingford to Branford Upgrade Project
Development and Management Plan Change Notice Request:
Staging Area/Laydown Yard, 81 Commercial Parkway, Branford

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On December 6, 2018, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved Petition No. 1351 regarding the Wallingford to Branford Project (Project) in the town of Branford. 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) hereby provides notice to Council staff the use of a previously-developed site as a staging area/laydown yard.

Eversource proposes to use the 7-acres Commercial Parkway parcel, located at 81 Commercial Parkway in Branford, for a staging area/laydown yard ("Site"), see Figure 1. The Site does not contain any wetlands or watercourses; has no potential to contain intact cultural resources (due to extensive past earth disturbance); and is not proximate to any residential uses. The Site will include construction trailers and portable bathroom facilities, and is expected to be used 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.

Figure 1: Staging Area/Laydown Yard, 81 Commercial Parkway



Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M. Shanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen M. Shanley
Manager, Transmission Siting