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January 21, 2020

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1382** - 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 1355 Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 1.38 miles of its existing No. 1355 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line structures within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between a location just east of the existing Schwab Junction off of Chimney Hill Road and Colony Substation off of Old Colony Road in Wallingford, Connecticut, and related substation and electric transmission line structure improvements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated January 17, 2020 regarding a minor project change to the above-referenced project that was approved by the Council on October 25, 2019. The minor project change entails the construction of a temporary 125-foot long matted access road adjacent to Eversource's right-of-way (ROW) west of Chimney Hill Road to facilitate the clearing of a row pine trees in order to maintain ROW conductor clearance requirements. Use of the temporary access road, which is in an upland area, would avoid wetland impacts that would otherwise be necessary if access was constructed from within the ROW. Eversource has reached an agreement with the underlying property owner for the use of the temporary access road, which includes, but is not limited to, the installation of replacement landscaping upon completion of construction.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's October 25, 2019 Declaratory Ruling, your request for the above minor project change, as detailed in your January 17, 2020 correspondence, is hereby approved. This approval applies only to the minor project change described in your January 17, 2020 correspondence. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: The Honorable William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor, Town of Wallingford
Kacie Hand, Town Planner, Town of Wallingford



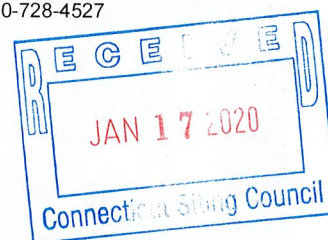


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January 17, 2020

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Re: *Petition No. 1382: 1355 Line Rebuild Project, Town of Wallingford*
Request for Use of Additional Temporary Off-Right-of-Way Access: Chimney Sweep Drive

Dear Ms. Bachman:

In accordance with Condition 1 of the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council's") October 25, 2019 Declaratory Ruling for the above-referenced 1355 Line Rebuild Project (Project), The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy Services Company ("Eversource") submits this request seeking Council staff approval for the use of an approximately 125-foot-long, temporary off right-of-way (ROW) access to allow the removal of a pine tree hedgerow (consisting of about 11 trees) within an upland area on the northern edge of the ROW west of Chimney Sweep Road.

The temporary access, which will be matted, will be situated in an upland area on private property (Line List #107) and will extend from Chimney Sweep Road, directly adjacent to the north side of the Eversource ROW (refer to the attached photograph and revised Mapsheet 1). The temporary access is required to facilitate the limited clearing required in this area to maintain clearance requirements for the new structure configuration and will only be used for the one-two days required to conduct the clearing activity. Use of this access will avoid both the need to install additional temporary matting in Wetland W1¹, which would need to extend across the width of the ROW to the area to be cleared.

Eversource has consulted with the LL#107 property owners, who have agreed to the use of the temporary off-ROW access. After the removal of the pine trees, Eversource will restore the access area and expects to provide replacement landscaping.

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

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Shanley

Attachments: Mapsheet 1 (revised)

cc: The Honorable William W. Dickinson, Mayor, Town of Wallingford

¹ As shown on Mapsheet 1, to remove existing Structure 4576, a temporary timber mat access road and matted work pad have been approved for location within Wetland W1.

