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Kathleen M. Shanley
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Eversource Energy
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1343** – 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 PSEG Bridgeport Harbor Unit 5 Line Reconductoring Project consisting of conductor replacements on its existing No. 1670 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line extending approximately 5.2 miles within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between the Southington Substation located at Belleview Avenue in Southington, Connecticut and Reservoir Junction located at Reservoir Road in New Britain, 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 September 4, 2018 regarding minor project changes to the Southington portion of the above-referenced project that was approved by the Council on June 7, 2018. The minor project changes consist of the following:

- 1) Modify access to Structure 4127, east of Flanders Road, by relocating a temporary access road from the east side to the west side of a small pond located within the existing right-of-way. This change is at the request of the underlying property owner (Line List #143) and would result in reduced tree clearing along the edge of the pond;
- 2) Modify access to Structure 4128 so that primary access is from the southwest rather than from the north (from Structure 4129) along the existing right-of-way. Access from the southwest, utilizing the Line List #143 property, would require the installation of an additional 975 square feet of temporary matting within a wetland/watercourse for access to Structure 4128 but would eliminate 4,655 square feet of temporary matting within a wetland/watercourse between Structures 4128 and 4129, for a net decrease of wetland/watercourse impacts of 3,680 square feet; and
- 3) Modify access to Structure 4134 from Smith Street using a route adjacent to and outside of a deer fence instead of inside the deer fence to avoid peach harvest activities by Rogers Orchard, Inc.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's June 7, 2018 Declaratory Ruling, your request for the above minor project changes, as detailed in your September 4, 2018 correspondence, is hereby approved. This approval applies only to the minor project changes described in your September 4, 2018 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 Christopher Palmieri, Chairman, Southington Town Council
Mark J. Sciota, Acting Town Manager, Town of Southington
Robert Phillips, Director of Planning and Community Development, Town of Southington



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