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

Re: Petition No1140- Barbour Hill Substation to Manchester Substation and 1763 Line

Reconductoring Project Landscaping Plan

Dear Chairman Stein:

On April 16, 2015, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") received a declaratory ruling from the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need of Petition No. 1140.

Pursuant to that requirement, Eversource submitted a Landscaping Plan for Barbour Hill Substation on August 7, 2015 to the Council. As a result of continued discussions with abutting property owners to the substation following this submittal and in consideration of site conditions, Eversource modified the Landscaping Plan as follows:

- Planted an additional twenty four 8'-10' Spruces on the top of the berm on the southwest side of the Barbour Hill Substation, at the request of the abutters, in order to fill visual gaps left by the original plan.
- The original Plan included three 8'-10' Dogwoods on the berm on the southwest side of the substation. At a meeting with the residents held on May 24, 2016, the residents asked for the Dogwoods to be removed and replaced with three Spruces in order to increase the screening ability. The three Dogwoods previously on top of the berm were relocated to the southwest portion of the property.
- Shifted the location of three spruces on the southwest portion of the property, 20 feet east to fill visual gap per the direction of the abutters.
- Relocated several arborvitaes from the south side of the substation gate to the north side of the substation gate due to the size of the gravel pad for the new 3557 structure, which will remain in order to stabilize the steep grade near the structure.
- Shortened the berm on the northwest portion of the station by 30 feet due to the existing guy wires.

Enclosed with this original are fifteen (15) copies of the revised Barbour Hill Substation Landscaping Plan.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Revised Landscape Plan

cc: Mayor Tom Delnicki, Town of South Windsor

