

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) and Sections 4 and 7.2 of the *Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Construction of the Interstate Reliability Project (Project, Interstate) New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource), requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) review and approve extended work hours for Eversource's contractor, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. (PAR) from 5:30 AM to 7:00 AM on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. The purpose of the extended work hour request is to allow PAR's crews time, prior to the normal daily start of construction activities, to remove snow and apply sand and de-icers (e.g., salt) as necessary along the on and off- right-of-way (ROW) access roads and work pads where transmission line construction activities will be performed on March 4.

PAR seeks the Council's approval of this extended (early) work hour request in anticipation of the inclement weather conditions (a mix of snow, ice, rain) that are forecast for tonight and tomorrow. Allowing snow removal (if necessary) and de-icing to be performed prior to the commencement of normal working hours (e.g., 7:00 AM) will facilitate PAR's schedule for critical tasks, including drilling and structure installation, while maintaining a safe work environment for construction personnel.

The only areas in which CL&P requests that snow plowing, sand, and de-icing applications be performed between 5:30 AM and 7:00 AM are along the ROW access roads and work pads in where drilling crews must work in the towns of Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, and Thompson.

Any other snow removal sand and de-icing applications along the ROW will be performed, as needed, after 7:00 AM.

All sand and de-icing work will be performed in accordance with the "Amendments to snow Removal and De-Icing Procedures", which were provided to the Council in CL&P's November 2014 progress report for the Project (submitted December 5, 2014).

CL&P will inform the officials of the affected towns regarding the planned extended (early start) work hours.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at john.morissette@nu.com or telephone at (860) 728-4532.

Regards
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