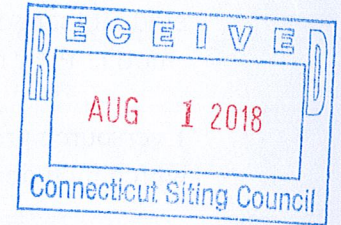


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Ms. Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Development and Management Plan Volume I – Part 1 Amendment
Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 461A
Greenwich Substation and Line Project
Cos Cob Substation Modifications

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Section F.2 of the *Greenwich Substation & Line Project Substation Development and Management (D&M) Plan Volume I-Part 1 Cos Cob Substation Modifications*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (“Eversource”), requests that Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") staff review and approve the proposed change to this D&M Plan, approved by the Council on April 12, 2018.

During construction, Eversource contractors discovered a steeper slope than had been previously indicated in the topographic survey for the western slope of the Substation expansion area, primarily due to the historic disposal of vegetation and subsequent organic decomposition throughout the area. In addition, unsuitable soil was discovered in this area near the top of the slope, which will need to be removed and suitable fill imported. Due to this as-found condition additional slope stabilization measures are required. Eversource proposes to remove all debris and “scrub” vegetation, as well as unsuitable existing soil and fill in this area, and replace in kind with structural fill, rip-rap and concrete blocks at the toe of the slope to stabilize the slope (per Eversource’s BMPs¹). In addition, Eversource proposes to plant arborvitaes at the toe of slope to provide visual screening. All proposed work would occur within Eversource’s easement (Please see the attached revised drawings)

The Council-approved activities in this area included removal of one large tree and trimming east of the siltation barrier near the top of the slope. Now that area has been

¹ Eversource’s *Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut (Construction & Maintenance Environmental Requirements)*, September 2016.

cleared of the underlying vegetation, and in light of the proposed slope stabilization, it is evident that additional trees will also need to be removed, as the rip rap would otherwise smother their roots or otherwise damage the trees irreparably.

Eversource proposes to remove six (6) additional trees as part of this D&M Plan change, which include the following:

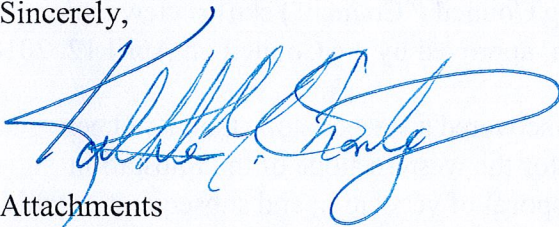
- One 13 inch dbh² American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*);
- One 16 inch dbh Oak (genus: *Quercus*);
- One 18 inch dbh Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*);
- One 12 inch dbh American sweetgum;
- One 16 inch dbh American sweetgum; and,
- One 4 inch dbh American sweetgum.

Accordingly, enclosed please find a D&M Plan Amendment for Council review and approval, which includes a map depicting the area of interest, the slope stabilization design and proposed landscaping.

This work is required to be performed immediately in order to maintain schedule to support outages planned for this fall.

Should you have any questions or require further information please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Mercier". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Attachments

cc: Robert Mercier, Siting Analyst

² dbh means diameter at Breast Height; estimated herein.

