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May 27, 2015

John Morissette, Project Manager Transmission Siting Northeast Utilities Service Company P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270

RE:

DOCKET NO. 424 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation.

Dear Mr. Morissette:

Pursuant to a decision made in accordance with R.C.SA. §16-50j-62 (b) at a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on October 31, 2013, and in response to your request dated May 26, 2015, Council staff hereby approves the request by The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) to leave in place a 100-foot by 100-foot portion of a gravel work pad located along the project right-of-way in Mansfield Hollow State Park in Mansfield. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), State Parks and Public Outreach Division, which manages the state park, has requested that Eversource leave a portion of the gravel work pad in place for use as a parking area for park patrons. The CT DEEP Inland Water Resources Division, Town of Mansfield, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the Mansfield Hollow State Park property, have endorsed the request to leave a portion of the gravel work pad in place.

This approval applies only to the request to leave in place a 100-foot by 100-foot portion of a gravel work pad at the request of CT DEEP State Parks and Public Outreach Division as requested in your letter of May 26, 2015. Any additional changes to the D&M Plan require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's approval of the D&M Plan on October 31, 2013. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors

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The Honorable Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor, Town of Mansfield Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, Town of Mansfield Linda M. Painter, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Mansfield