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

RE: Docket No. 424: Interstate Reliability Project
Monthly Construction Progress Report

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to RCSA Section 16-50j-62(b)(3) and as described in Volumes 1, Section 7, of the *Development and Management ("D&M") Plan for the Interstate Reliability Project ("Interstate"): Modifications to Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation* and the *Interstate D&M Plan for the Construction of New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) hereby provides to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") this Construction Progress Report for the month of March 2016.

As noted in the attached report, with both of the Project's new 345-kV lines energized (as of mid-December 2015), the only remaining Project activities consist of environmental monitoring, which is being performed to verify the revegetation / stabilization of the transmission line rights-of-way. Activities regarding the removal of special protection system (SPS) equipment at Lake Road Switching Station, which commenced in late January, are still ongoing.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at kathleen.shanley@eversource.com or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Shanley".

Kathleen Shanley
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Enclosure

**INTERSTATE RELIABILITY PROJECT
MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
MARCH 2016**

The Project (3271 and 341 Lines) are in service.

1. MODIFICATIONS TO SUBSTATIONS AND SWITCHING STATIONS

The removal of special protection system (SPS) equipment at Lake Road Switching Station commenced in late January 2016 and is still ongoing. All work at the other stations is complete.

Table 1 (attached) summarizes the status of work at Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation as of March 31, 2016.

2. NEW 345-kV TRANSMISSION LINES AND RELATED MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO ADJACENT LINES

All transmission line construction work, including site rehabilitation, was completed in mid-October. During March, a Project Environmental Inspector (EI) continued to monitor the status of revegetation and stabilization along the restored right-of-way (ROW). An EI will continue to perform these ROW monitoring activities until final stabilization, pursuant to permit requirements, is achieved.

During the last week in March, Eversource's construction contractor (Northern Clearing) returned to the ROW and performed certain work in response to issues identified as a result of the over-winter environmental monitoring. Such work included cleaning out permanent sedimentation basins and re-stabilization of two upland areas affected by over-winter rill erosion. Northern will continue similar activities, weather permitting, in the upcoming months (late spring-early summer).

Because the ROW restoration (stabilization) monitoring does not entail construction activities, construction progress on the transmission line portion of the Project was reported as 99% complete as of October 31, 2015. Therefore, no table of construction progress is included as part of this report.

Table 1
Interstate Reliability Project - Connecticut
Substation / Switching Station Construction Progress Report
(As of March 31, 2016)

Station	Activity			
	Construction Start Date	Site Preparation	Equipment Installation	Testing
Card Street	4/7/2014	100%	100%	100%
Lake Road	4/7/2014	100%	100%	100%*
Killingly	4/7/2014	100%	100%	N/A
Summary: All Stations	4/7/2014	100%	100%	100%

*All station work is complete except for very minor activities involved in the removal of SPS equipment at Lake Road Switching Station. This work was initiated in late January and is ongoing.