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May 2, 2018

Susan Bellion Project Siting Specialist Eversource Energy 56 Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06103

RE: **DOCKET NO. 468** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

Dear Ms. Bellion:

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-62 (b) and in response to your email of May 1, 2018, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) staff hereby approves a temporary change to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the above-referenced project to allow work at Plumtree Substation and Structures 1018 and 1019 on Sunday, May 6, 2018 and Plumtree Substation and right-of-way, Structures 1000 to 1006, on Sunday, May 13, 2018. All work will be performed from 7 AM to 7 PM. The work is necessary to maintain the project work schedule, which has changed, due to a potential issue with the outage sequence at Stony Hill Substation that necessitates an accelerated schedule specified by the Connecticut Valley Electric Exchange.

This approval applies only to the temporary additional work hours requested in your email of May 2, 2018. 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 July 21, 2017. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 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.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

c: Parties and Intervenors

Kathleen M. Shanley, Manager-Transmission Siting, Eversource Energy The Honorable Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Town of Bethel Beth Cavagna, Director/Town Planner, Town of Bethel

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From: Bellion, Susan J < susan.bellion@eversource.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:45:00 PM

To: Bachman, Melanie Cc: Shanley, Kathleen M

Subject: Docket 468: SWCT Reliability Project: Proposed Sunday Work Hours on May 6, 2018 and May

13, 2018

Hi Melanie:

Eversource Energy is requesting approval of work hours on two Sundays, May 6, 2018 and May 13, 2018 from 7 AM to 7 PM. The work will consist of the following:

- 1. Plumtree Substation, Bethel (May 6). The Sunday work will involve construction activities within the fenced substation and will include terminal upgrades (line disconnect switch, wave trap) and the installation of new protection and monitoring control equipment.
- 2. Structures 1018 and 1019, Bethel (May 6). The Sunday work at Structures 1018 (commercial area near Target parking lot) and 1019 (office park area (Ability Beyond) adjacent to I-84) will be to install the direct embed structures. The Sunday work at Structure 1019 is also pursuant to the request of Ability Beyond that this work be done outside of their Monday through Friday business hours as an accommodation to their clients' special needs.
- 3. Plumtree Substation and Right-of-Way, Structures 1000-1006, Bethel (May 13). The Sunday work will involve construction activities required to provide the 115-kV A-Bus working clearance inside the Plumtree Substation to pull the new 1887 Line conductor into the substation. The Sunday work is required because CONVEX will only allow the substation A-Bus to be de-energized on Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13, when customer loads are lower. This work involves conductor installation outside of the substation as well on Structures 100-1006.

The above-referenced proposed Sunday work is necessary to maintain the Project schedule, which has changed. Specifically, CONVEX has identified a potential issue, during the summer, with the outage sequence for the Stony Hill Substation configuration. As a result, the Project in-service date, which was originally planned for September 2018, now must be accelerated to place the Project in service by the third week in June, as specified by CONVEX.

Eversource has already notified the Town of Bethel of this proposed Sunday work. In addition, Eversource will inform the affected abutters for this proposed Sunday work today.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request.

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