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Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
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RE: Docket No. 468: Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project
Commencement of Operation

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(b)(4) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), Condition 12 of the above-referenced Docket, and the *Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project (Project) Development and Management Plan: Project-Wide Approvals, Permits, Plans, and Best Management Practices* (Volume 3, Section A.3.1), The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) hereby informs the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) that the Project facilities, consisting of the new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Plumtree Substation and Brookfield Junction and the related modifications to Stony Hill and Plumtree substations, were energized and placed into service on June 24, 2018.

The remaining Project work consists of the installation of counterpoise at new structures, as needed, as well as the rehabilitation (stabilization and restoration) of the transmission line right-of-way (ROW) and other areas affected by the installation of the Project facilities (e.g., at the two substations, along off-ROW access roads, and at the contractor yard in the Town of Bethel).

After the completion of site rehabilitation, Eversource's environmental compliance monitor will continue to perform post-restoration inspections of the Project ROW, substations, and other affected areas to verify that final stabilization is achieved, pursuant to the conditions of the Project's other regulatory approvals, such as the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's *General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities*.

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 M. Shanley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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