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Kathleen M. Shanley
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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. Shanley:

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-62 (b) and in accordance with the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) approval of the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the above referenced project on July 20, 2017, Council staff hereby approves the use of a temporary material laydown and staging area for the above referenced project as detailed in Eversource's request dated September 12, 2017.

The temporary material laydown and staging area (yard) will be located on a 7.6-acre vacant parcel located at 29 Stony Hill Road (Route 6) in Bethel, approximately 0.4 mile east of the existing transmission line crossing of Route 6. The yard will occupy approximately 6 acres of the parcel which was previously used for the storage, processing and resale of earthen materials. Due to its past use, the parcel has a hard packed surface that is overgrown with grasses and shrubs with isolated stands of trees. A small wetland is located in the southwest portion of the parcel.

To prepare the site, Eversource will mow the grass, remove the shrub layer and resurface the yard area with gravel, as necessary. No trees will be removed and the wetland area will be isolated from developed portions of the yard by erosion control fencing. Additionally, appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained along the perimeter of the yard area in accordance with the Best Management Practices provided in the approved D&M Plan.

This approval applies only to the proposed staging yard presented in Eversource's request dated September 12, 2017. 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 20, 2017. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.



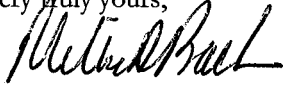
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Please be advised that deviations from the D&M Plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

- c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Town of Bethel
Beth Cavagna, Director/Town Planner, Town of Bethel