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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Kathleen M. Shanley, Manager – Transmission Siting
Eversource Energy
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1225** – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately two miles of its existing No. 1682 115-kV transmission line within existing right of way from the Wilton Substation at 53 Old Danbury Road, Wilton to Norwalk Junction at 111 Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than May 12, 2016. Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: Council Members

Petition No. 1225
Eversource
Wilton 115-kV Line Modifications
Petition Interrogatories

1. In Attachment A of the Petition, abutting property owners are identified as line list numbers (LL#) both in table format and on the aerial drawing. The following line list numbers on the aerial drawings are absent in the tables: LL#285, LL#353, LL#354, and LL#355. Please identify these LL#s. Are these property owners included in the Affidavit of Service of Notice “served by mail or courier upon 15 owners of abutting properties...” provided in Attachment D? If not, provide an updated Affidavit of Service of Notice.
2. Would use of weathering steel monopoles have less of a visual impact to the community than the proposed galvanized steel monopoles?
3. It appears there are pines trees located along the west edge of the LL#339 property and large deciduous and evergreen shrubs at the west edge of the LL#347 property. Would this vegetation be entirely removed as part of this project? If so, is there any replacement landscaping proposed for these areas?
4. Would the proposed rebuild/reconductoring project satisfy NERC Reliability Standards and Eversource’s storm hardening criteria for transmission facilities?
5. Page 8 of the Petition refers to three structures located within a FEMA 100-year flood zone. Are the associated foundations larger in size to account for potential flooding? (no reference is given regarding the size of foundations for structures located in non-flood zones)