

February 10, 2017

Mr. Bob Deptula
Environmental Affairs
Eversource Energy
107 Selden Street
Berlin, CT 06037

Subject: Line 1620/1975 Replacement Project
Haddam, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Deptula:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the Phase IB Cultural Resources Survey report prepared by Heritage Consultants (Heritage), dated October 2016. This office understands that Eversource Energy (Eversource) initiated a maintenance project that identified emergency structure replacement needs along the referenced corridors. After a field meeting, SHPO requested a post-impact investigation of areas that previously had been identified as archeologically sensitive. The completed archeological investigation examined access roads and work pads associated with 24 of the structure replacements. The submitted report is comprehensive and meets the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archeological Resources*.

During the archeological reconnaissance survey, 122 shovel tests were excavated adjacent to the work pads and access roads to determine if archeological resources had been impacted. Subsurface testing failed to identify any artifacts or evidence of cultural features. As a result, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project areas are not warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact me at (860) 256-2764 or catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Catherine Labadia
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: George, Heritage

March 2, 2017

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

Re: Petition 1256: 1620 and 1975 Lines Structure Replacement Project
State Historic and Preservation Office (“SHPO”) Response

Dear Chairman Stein:

On behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) and in accordance to Condition 5 of the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) December 8, 2016 ruling for the 1620 and 1975 Lines Structure Replacement Project, Eversource is providing to the Council the attached copy of SHPO's concurrence that no historic properties will be affected by the Project.

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,



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