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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 5, 2021

Kathleen M. Shanley
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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293 - BMM-01 (Berlin, Middletown and Middlefield)** – Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission facility asset condition maintenance improvements statewide to comply with the updated National Electrical Safety Code clearance requirements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence, dated February 2, 2021, from Christopher P. Allan of Landtech regarding sedimentation issues on property at 97 Poplar Road in Middletown, located adjacent to the Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way associated with the above-referenced sub-petition. A copy of the correspondence is attached for your convenience. The Council approved the sub-petition on July 6, 2020.

The correspondence contains two separate environmental reports detailing sedimentation of a pond on the 97 Poplar Road property. The environmental reports, prepared by Provos & Rovero, LLC, dated January 25, 2021, and REMA Ecological Services, dated January 25, 2021, both state Eversource's installation of temporary timber matting across a watercourse could be one of the potential sources of sedimentation within the pond. Sub-petition Map 15 shows the location of temporary matting across Wetland 55, upgradient of the pond, to serve as a temporary access road to the temporary work pad at transmission structures #6-214 and #6-314.

Pursuant to the Council's Petition No. 1293 Declaratory Ruling of March 31, 2017 and the Council's July 6, 2020 decision on this sub-petition, the Council is requesting information regarding the methodology used for the installation of the temporary matting within and adjacent to Wetland 55, and a written response from Eversource on the findings of both environmental reports.

Please submit the requested information and written response to the Council by February 26, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: Mr. Brendan Schain, DEEP Office of Adjudications
Mr. Brian Thompson, Director, DEEP Land and Water Resources Division
The Honorable Benjamin Florsheim, Mayor, City of Middletown
Mr. Christopher P. Allan, Landtech