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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1157-SWMHNMMBB-01 (South Windsor, Milford, Haddam, New Milford, Montville, Bloomfield and Bethel)** – Eversource Energy and The United Illuminating Company joint declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission substation reliability improvements to comply with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection.

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby acknowledges your notice to implement reliability improvements at seven substations in South Windsor, Milford, Haddam, New Milford, Montville, Bloomfield and Bethel pursuant to NERC Physical Security Reliability Standard CIP-014-1, with the following conditions:

1. Any deviation from the proposed reliability improvements as specified in this notice and supporting materials filed with the Council shall render this acknowledgement invalid;
2. Any material changes to the reliability improvements as proposed shall require the filing of a new notice with the Council;
3. Not less than 45 days after completion of the reliability improvements, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
4. The validity of this action shall expire one year from the date of this letter; and
5. Eversource may file a request for an extension of time beyond the one year deadline provided that such request is submitted to the Council not less than 60 days prior to the expiration.

The proposed reliability improvements are to be implemented as specified here and in your notice dated February 4, 2026. This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council. All critical energy infrastructure information submitted as part of this sub-petition is subject to the provisions of the protective order approved by the Council on September 3, 2015 and is exempt from public disclosure.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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- c: The Honorable Craig Zimmerman, Mayor, Town of South Windsor ([craig.zimmerman@southwindsor-ct.gov](mailto:craig.zimmerman@southwindsor-ct.gov))
- The Honorable Richard Smith, Mayor, City of Milford ([mayor@milfordct.gov](mailto:mayor@milfordct.gov))
- The Honorable Sean Donlan, First Selectperson, Town of Haddam ([firstselectman@haddam.org](mailto:firstselectman@haddam.org))
- The Honorable Pete Bass, Mayor, Town of New Milford ([mayor@newmilford.org](mailto:mayor@newmilford.org))
- The Honorable Leonard Bunnell Sr., Mayor, Town of Montville ([lbunnell@montville-ct.org](mailto:lbunnell@montville-ct.org))
- The Honorable Anthony Harrington, Mayor, Town of Bloomfield ([aharrington@bloomfieldct.gov](mailto:aharrington@bloomfieldct.gov))
- The Honorable Dan Carter, First Selectperson, Town of Bethel ([firstselectman@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:firstselectman@bethel-ct.gov))
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