



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
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PETITION NO. 1453 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to its existing Killingly Substation located at 216 Park Road in Killingly, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality ("Council") offers the following comments regarding Petition 1453.

State-listed Species

The Petitioner states that the proposed project is within a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB) buffer area, but indicates that the proposed project does not "necessitate submission of an NDDDB Review Request." The NDDDB maps are intended to be a pre-screening tool to identify potential impacts to state-listed species. Therefore, the Council recommends that the Petitioner seek a determination from NDDDB regarding any precautions that might be needed to protect state-listed species in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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