February 26, 2020

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Scott Jordan  
Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Modification of Utility Easement to CL&P dba Eversource Energy

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approves the modification of an existing easement to allow CL&P dba Eversource Energy to construct and maintain an additional line of poles and associated distribution lines. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustee adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves an easement modification to allow CL&P dba Eversource Energy to construct and maintain an additional line of poles and associated distribution lines.”

BACKGROUND:

This easement modification is associated with a project by CL&P dba Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) to enhance the reliability of its local distribution system. Within an existing 50-foot wide and approximately 1250-foot long easement area, Eversource proposes to construct a new circuit on a new pole line from its Mansfield Substation located on the north side of North Eagleville Road. The beginning and the end of the affected area within the existing easement area is shown on the attached aerial location map.

The existing pole line is at capacity, so the new pole line is needed to bring two new circuits out of the Substation, providing for more circuit diversity and resiliency. To accomplish this work, Eversource proposes to modify the easement in the following ways:

1. To allow for more than one line of poles in the easement area;
2. To add limited guying areas outside the current easement area; and
3. To create an additional 10’-0” aerial overhang easement area for cross-arms and other overhead appurtenances to be located 15’-0” or more above grade.
These features are shown on the attached “Easement Plan -- Map Showing Aerial Easement and Guying Area Easements to be granted to The Connecticut Light and Power Company D/B/A Eversource Energy Across Property of The University of Connecticut.”

Eversource represents that the proposed section of distribution line will stop at the northernmost pole as shown on the referenced easement plan, and that it currently has no plans for this additional line to go any farther north toward Route 44.

CNG has proposed its standard form of modification, which remains subject to negotiation.

UConn will seek no consideration for this modification given its limited scope and because UConn and Eversource have ongoing cooperative efforts in several respects.

Attachments