STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NON-WIRES SOLUTIONS PROCESS CYCLE 2	**:**	**DOCKET NO. 26-08-08**
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	:	**FEBRUARY 6, 2026**
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PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY'S PROVISION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is providing certain information to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") in Docket No. 26-08-08 in its February 6, 2026 Compliance Filing in This Docket (the "Confidential Attachments")[1]; and

WHEREAS such Confidential Attachments contain information that, in the opinion of Eversource, represents the system data approved for confidential treatment listed in Exhibit A of PURA's Final Decision in Docket No. 24-08-08, Non-Wires Solutions Process Initial Phase, dated December 18, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered, that the following procedure is adopted for the protection of the confidential information provided by Eversource ("Confidential Information"):

1. All confidential information provided by Eversource, whether in documentary form or otherwise, shall be identified as follows: "[Confidential] [identifying title]", and will be governed by the terms of this Protective Order (the "Order"). The Order is applicable to all such Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, data, testimony, studies, or otherwise.

[1] The Confidential Attachments are Attachment 1, Attachment 2, Attachment 4, Attachment 5, and Attachment 6 provided in Eversource's February 6, 2026 Compliance Filing.

2. All Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Order shall be given to Directors and staff of PURA; the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("DEEP") and its staff; and the Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") and its staff, upon execution of the Nondisclosure Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (hereinafter, "Signatories") and Acknowledgment referenced below. Consultants retained by PURA, DEEP, and the OCC shall also be provided with the Confidential Information upon such consultant's execution of the Nondisclosure Agreement, as well as the Acknowledgment referenced below. Requestors not affiliated with PURA, DEEP, or the OCC shall be directed to Eversource to enter a separate agreement between that requestor and Eversource.

3. Directors and staff of PURA are bound by the terms of the Order. DEEP and the OCC (including staff members) shall be bound by the terms of the Order, provided that a duly authorized representative thereof has executed the Acknowledgment found at the close of the Order. Consultants retained by PURA, DEEP, and the OCC, and staff of consultants shall also be bound by the terms of the Order, provided that a duly authorized representative thereof has executed the Acknowledgment found at the close of the Order.

4. All Signatories to this Order agree to be bound by its terms and shall not use or disclose the Confidential Information except for purposes of this proceeding. All parties, including consultants in receipt of any Confidential Information under the Order shall maintain a written log of all individuals granted access to said Confidential Information. All persons granted access to the Confidential Information shall neither use nor disclose the Confidential Information for purposes of business or competition, or for any other purpose, other than the purpose of preparation for and conduct of this proceeding solely as contemplated herein and shall in good faith take all

reasonable precautions to keep the Confidential Information secure in accordance with the purposes and intent of the Order.

5. Confidential Information will be marked as such and submitted electronically by email to Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq., PURA Executive Secretary (Jeff.Gaudiosi@ct.gov). The email's subject line shall state in all capital letters "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE." Each page of any electronic confidential information shall also contain a header "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

6. Any Confidential Information made available pursuant to the Order shall be part of the record in the docket cited above, subject to the same relevancy and other evidentiary considerations as non-confidential information, subject to the conditions stated in Paragraphs Seven and Eight of the Order.

7. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any interrogatory, letter, petition, brief or other writing ("Document"), all reference to the Confidential Information in the Document shall be either:

a. in a separate document, prominently labeled "Proprietary Information", which document shall be safeguarded in accordance with the Order and distributed only to Directors and staff of PURA, to DEEP, to the OCC, and to Signatories; or

b. solely by title or exhibit reference, in a manner reasonably calculated not to disclose the Confidential Information.

8. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any proceeding or during the course of a public hearing before PURA or its Directors ("Hearing"), the Hearing shall not be held before, nor any record of it made available to, any party or other person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA, DEEP, and OCC staff. Presence at the Hearing shall

be limited to one or more Directors and appropriate staff of PURA, representatives of Eversource, staff of DEEP and the OCC, and Signatories to this Protective Order. No record shall be disclosed, nor any communication made, of use of the Confidential Information in the Hearing to any person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA, DEEP, and OCC staff. Any transcript or other recording of the Hearing which relates to the Confidential Information shall be placed in sealed envelopes or containers and a statement in the following form placed prominently on such envelope or container:

"CONFIDENTIAL-PROPRIETARY"

"This envelope is not to be opened nor the contents to be displayed or revealed except pursuant to the pertinent Protective Order issued in Docket No. 26-08-08."

7. Nothing herein shall be construed as a final determination that any of the Confidential Information will be admissible as substantive evidence in this proceeding or at any hearing or trial. Moreover, nothing herein shall be considered a waiver of any party's right to assert at a later date that the material is or is not proprietary or privileged. A party seeking to change the terms of the Order shall seek to do so by motion to PURA and give every other party five (5) business days' prior written notice. No information protected by the Order shall be made public until PURA rules on any such motion to change the terms of the Order. Confidential Information otherwise properly discovered, even though also subject to the terms of the Order, shall not be considered protected by the Order.

8. All copies of such Confidential Information shall be returned to Eversource no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of all appeal periods applicable to the final decision rendered in this proceeding.

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AUTHORITY

By_____

Date _____

REVIEWED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has reviewed this Protective Order, and hereby agrees to abide by the terms thereof in exchange for receipt of the Confidential Information from The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.

RECIPIENT: _____
REPRESENTING: Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
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EXHIBIT 1

DOCKET NO. 26-08-08

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER

The following Attachments to the February 6, 2026 Annual Data Filing, Annual Grid Needs Filing, and Initial Quarterly Screening Results:

- Attachment 1_System Data Requirement No. 1
- Attachment 2_System Data Requirement No. 2
- Attachment 4_System Data Requirement No. 6
- Attachment 5_System Data Requirement No. 9
- Attachment 6_System Data Requirement No. 10

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EXHIBIT 2

DOCKET NO. 26-08-08
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") agrees to make available to _____ ("Recipient") confidential and proprietary information filed in Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Docket No. 26-08-08 ("Confidential Information") subject to restrictions stated herein.

1. The following definitions apply for purposes of this Nondisclosure Agreement:

   "CEII" means "Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information" as defined under applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") rules and policies;

   "CIP" means "Critical Infrastructure Protection" information as defined under applicable North American Electricity Reliability Corporation ("NERC") standards and procedures;

   "Critical Infrastructure" means existing and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity of destruction of which would negatively affect security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.

   "Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information" means information related to Critical Infrastructure which inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure could create a risk to Critical Infrastructure, even if it does not qualify as CEII or CIP.

2. Any information provided to Recipient and labeled "Confidential" by Eversource shall be Confidential Information subject to this Nondisclosure Agreement.

3. The Confidential Information is received by Recipient in confidence.

4. The Confidential Information shall not be used or disclosed by the Recipient except in accordance with the terms contained herein, in Eversource's Motion for Protective Order, and in the applicable Protective Order in Docket No. 26-08-08.

5. Only individuals, and not entities, may be Recipients of Confidential Information under this paragraph. The signatory below, who executes this Nondisclosure Agreement, must be a duly authorized representative or attorney of the Recipient. The Recipient acknowledges that he/she now represents or in the future may represent competitors or potential competitors of Eversource, and that disclosure of confidential and proprietary

information of Eversource to competitors or use of such information for the benefit of competitors of Eversource could adversely affect Eversource and their customers. By executing this Nondisclosure Agreement, each Recipient certifies that he/she meets the requirements of this paragraph.

6. The following conditions shall apply to each Recipient:

   a. Each Recipient will receive one (1) numbered, controlled copy of the Confidential Information. The Recipient shall not make any copies thereof or provide the Confidential Information to any individual or entity except one who has executed and delivered this Nondisclosure Agreement to Eversource.

   b. The Recipient shall maintain a log of all persons granted access to the Confidential Information.

   c. The Recipient, by signing this Nondisclosure Agreement, acknowledges that he/she may not in any manner disclose the Confidential Information to any person, and that he/she may not use the Confidential Information for the benefit of any person except in this proceeding and in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

   d. Recipient shall be responsible for any breaches of confidentiality obligations committed by Recipient with respect to the Confidential Information. In the event that Eversource discloses any CEII, CIP, or Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to Recipient, or Recipient otherwise obtains the same from Eversource in any manner, Recipient shall, in addition to its obligations hereunder, fully comply with the provisions of Attachment 1 hereto. In the event that the provisions contained in this Agreement and Attachment 1 are inconsistent, the most restrictive provisions shall apply. In the event Recipient wishes to disclose CEII, CIP and Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to its Contract Personnel, Recipient shall cause any Contract Personnel to be bound by the conditions stated herein. Recipient may only disclose CEII, CIP and Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to the Contract Personnel listed in Attachment 2 incorporated herein, who have a need to know such Confidential Information to assist Recipient in furthering the Subject Activities specified in this Agreement. Recipient shall notify Disclosing Party in writing of any modification to Attachment 2 prior to releasing CEII, CIP and Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to Contract Personnel.

   e. The Recipient acknowledges that any violation of this Nondisclosure Agreement may subject the Recipient to civil actions for violation hereof. Additionally, any Recipient who is an attorney acknowledges his/her ethical obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct to abide by this Nondisclosure Agreement and to handle properly confidential information that is subject to a protective order.

   f. Within thirty (30) days of the final decision in this Proceeding, Recipient shall return the Confidential Information to Eversource.

g. Notwithstanding the return of the Confidential Information or completion of this Proceeding, Recipient's obligations to maintain confidentiality of any CEII disclosed by Eversource under this Agreement, including any CEII notes, shall continue until the CEII is no longer designated as CEII by Eversource, or FERC or a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the information does not qualify as CEII.

THE CONNECTICUT POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY:

By: _____

Dated: _____

RECIPIENT:

By: _____

Dated: _____

ATTACHMENT 1 TO EXHIBIT 2
Critical Energy Infrastructure Information

A. For purposes of these provisions, the term "Recipient" means someone who is approved to receive CEII in accordance with the provisions of this Attachment 1 (the "Provisions").

B. Recipient may only discuss CEII with another Recipient of the identical CEII. Recipient may check with Eversource to determine whether another individual is a Recipient of the identical CEII.

C. If Recipient submits information to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") that includes CEII obtained under these Provisions, portions of the filing containing CEII must be submitted in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 388.112(b).

D. Recipient may use CEII as foundation for advice provided to others but may not disclose CEII to another individual unless that individual is an approved Recipient of the same CEII.

E. Recipient will not knowingly use CEII for an illegal or non-legitimate purpose.

F. All CEII shall be maintained by Recipient in a secure place. Access to these materials shall be limited to other Recipients of the identical material. Recipient may make copies of CEII, but such copies become CEII and subject to these same procedures. Recipient may make notes of CEII, which shall be treated as CEII notes if they contain CEII.

G. Immediately upon request by Eversource, but in no event later than ten (10) business days after the Proceeding has ended, Recipient shall promptly return to Eversource or destroy (at Eversource's option) CEII provided to Recipient, except that CEII notes may be retained in accordance with Paragraph F above. Within such time period, Recipient, if requested to do so, shall also submit to Eversource an affidavit stating that, to the best of his or her knowledge, all CEII has been returned or destroyed and that CEII notes have either been returned, destroyed or maintained by Recipient in accordance with Paragraph F.

H. Recipient remains bound by these Provisions unless Eversource or the FERC rescinds the Procedure and these Provisions, or a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the information does not qualify as CEII.

I. Eversource may request that FERC audit Recipient's compliance with these Provisions.

J. All violations of these Provisions will be reported to the FERC, and the FERC will determine whether to take action.

ATTACHMENT 2 TO EXHIBIT 2

Recipient's Contract Personnel that may receive CEII

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