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September 2, 2022

Town of Torrington  
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission  
Torrington City Hall  
104 Main Street  
Room 324  
Torrington, CT 06790  
United States

Re: **Torrington Water Company Water  
East Albert Street Bridge Water Main Replacement Project  
Letter of Exemption**

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Torrington Water Company (TWC), Tighe & Bond is notifying the Town of Torrington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of an exempt activity. Timber mats will be temporarily placed in State regulated inland wetlands to access the underside of the East Albert Street Bridge over the Naugatuck River located at East Albert Street, in Torrington, Connecticut.

Plans of the proposed work are included for your use.

Work includes a new water main and utility support diaphragm system alongside an existing gas main and diaphragm system under the East Albert Bridge. The water main will be 12 inches in diameter (with a two-inch thick insulation jacket) with roller supports. There will be backwall penetration on each side of the bridge with a position based on 7-foot 6-inch beam spacing. The work proposed is directly over the Naugatuck River, but not in the water. The Naugatuck River is classified as a perennial watercourse by the National Wetland Inventory and U.S.G.S Topographic mapping. Floodplain areas adjacent to the Naugatuck River have alluvial soils which are classified as inland wetlands by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act. Temporary timber matting will be placed within inland wetlands south of the bridge to provide a stable work surface and access to the underside of the bridge. Mats will be tethered to avoid dislodging in the case of flooding. Construction will include erosion and sedimentation controls down gradient of the timber mats and will use construction Best Management Practices. Upon completion of the project, timber mats, sediment and erosion controls, and other materials temporarily placed within the wetland will be removed.

The proposed water main installation is subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and is exempt from local inland wetlands review as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), Chapter 283 Sec 16-235:

*".. no authority granted to any city or borough or a town planning, zoning, inland wetland, historic district, building, gas, water or electrical board, commission or committee created under authority of the general statutes or by virtue of any special act, shall be construed to apply to so much of the operations, plant, building, structures or equipment of any public service company as is under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or the Connecticut Siting Council, but zoning*

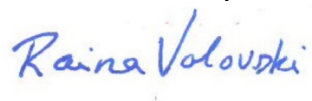


*commissions and inland wetland agencies may, within their respective municipalities, regulate and restrict the proposed location of any steam plant, gas plant, gas tank or holder, water tank, electric substation, antenna, tower or earth station receiver of any public service company not subject to the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council."*

If you have any questions or require project clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Valentine, Project Manager, at [dvalentine@tighebond.com](mailto:dvalentine@tighebond.com) or 860-704-4772.

Very truly yours,

**TIGHE & BOND, INC.**



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Enclosures

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