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CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Waterford Town Hall Auditorium, 15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from The Connecticut Light and Power Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of the proposed substation, associated facilities, and access road.

The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by September 16, 2008. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before September 16, 2008.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Waterford and East Lyme Town Halls for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by September 16, 2008.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

The Connecticut Light & Power Company

Its Representatives

John R. Morissette, Manager
Transmission Siting and Permitting
Northeast Utilities Service Company
P.O. Box 270
Hartford, CT 06141-0270

Duncan MacKay, Esq.
Legal Department
Northeast Utilities Service Company
P.O. Box 270
Hartford, CT 06141-0270

Girish Behal
Transmission Projects
Northeast Utilities Service Company
P.O. Box 270
Hartford, CT 06141-0270

Anthony M. Fitzgerald, Esq.
Robert S. Golden, Jr., Esq. and
Marianne Barbino Dubuque, Esq.
Carmody & Torrance LLP
P.O. Box 1110
Waterbury, CT 06721-1110

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 364.

August 11, 2008

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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 364** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

SDP/MP/cm

Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC
Lisa Fontaine, CSC



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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
364080808
The New London Day
P. O. Box 1231
New London, CT 06320-1231

FROM: Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 364** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

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Joseph Reese
Tech Theatrical Services, LLC
98 Knight Street
Watertown, CT 06795

RE: **DOCKET NO. 364** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reese:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council regarding the subject docket on:

Tuesday, September 23, 2008
3:00-5:00 p.m. & 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Waterford Town Hall Auditorium
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, Connecticut

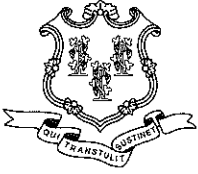
I am enclosing a copy of our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary II

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Ruth Girolomo
Post Reporting Service, Inc.
2015 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

RE: **DOCKET NO. 364** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Girolomo:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Tuesday, September 23, 2008
3:00-5:00 p.m. & 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Waterford Town Hall Auditorium
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, Connecticut

The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary II

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Enclosure (2)



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TO: Commissioner Gina McCarthy
Department of Environmental Protection

Commissioner F. Philip Prelli
Department of Agriculture

Commissioner J. Robert Galvin
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman
Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Joan McDonald
Department of Economic and Community Development

Michael W. Lonergan, P.E.
Acting Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations
Department of Transportation

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

SDP
for

RE: **DOCKET NO. 364** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before September 16, 2008, will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l.

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c: Parties & Intervenor
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Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 364

Location: 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?

No – Not directly, but the facility is in close proximity to Exit 80 off of Interstate 95 South. See Attached Figure F-1.

Yes – Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.

2. Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway

No

Yes – Identify specific needs and access location.

3. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.

No

Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.

4. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?

No

Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.

Figure F-1: Substation Location

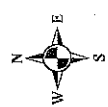


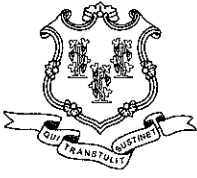
Legend

- Existing Line Support Structures
- Proposed Substation Footprint
- Proposed Line Support Structures
- Approximate Property Boundary
- Existing Transmission Circuit
- Proposed Interconnecting Circuit

*Base Map Source: 2006 color aerial photography

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
 Transportation Land Development Environmental Services





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Kerry Sullivan
Recreation & Parks Department
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

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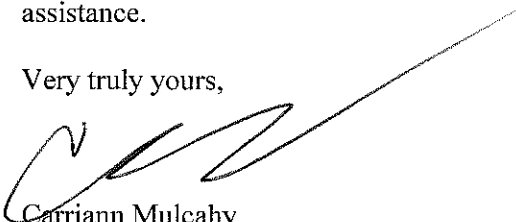
Dear Ms. Sullivan:

Confirming our telephone conversation of July 10, 2008, I appreciate the reservation of the Auditorium at the Waterford Town Hall for a public hearing on September 23, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary II

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Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

X
X
Table for
Court Reporter
(x = chairs)

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

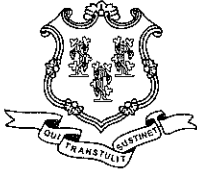
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Party Table
(seating for three)
(x = chairs)

X X X

Podium for public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)



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The Honorable Daniel Steward
First Selectman
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

RE: Hearing Date - September 23, 2008, in connection with **DOCKET NO. 364** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Steward:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing that is scheduled on September 23, 2008.

Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

Once an application is filed with the Council at least one public hearing is held in the affected community as well as a public inspection of the proposed site. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms; municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

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The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. It is important that we know the Town's views as part of that decision making process. We hope you will take part in our hearing process.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Paul Formica
First Selectman
Town of East Lyme
P.O. Box 519
Niantic, CT 06357

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Dear First Selectman Formica:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for the above referenced project that entails the construction of a bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation in the Town of Waterford. Connecticut General Statute § 16-501(p) provides for municipalities within 2,500 feet of a proposed project to receive adequate notice of the project. The Town of East Lyme is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

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