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DATE: February 18, 2010

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 398** - Northeast Utilities Service Company, on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of the Sherwood Substation located at 6 New Creek Road, Westport, Connecticut. Revised Schedule (Pre-hearing Conference).

I. Introduction

The application is from Northeast Utilities Service Company on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed substation in the Town of Westport, Connecticut. The proposed substation would add capacity and improve electric distribution system reliability in response to increasing electrical demand in the Westport area.

CL&P proposes to construct a 115-kV to 13.8-kV substation on a 2.5-acre parcel owned by CL&P. The site is located at 6 New Creek Road in Westport and is adjacent to a single family home, salt marsh, State of Connecticut property and a railroad.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The Westport News and the Norwalk Hour.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Westport on March 31, 2010, and depositing the transcript in the Westport Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	12/29/09
Completeness review	02/11/10
Pre-hearing Questions	<i>(tentative)</i>
• Set-One Filed	02/22/10
• Set-One responses due	03/08/10
• Set-Two Filed	03/10/10
• Set-Two responses due	03/24/10
Pre-hearing conference 10:00 a.m.	03/01/10 (revised date)
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	03/17/10
Pre-filed testimony due	03/24/10
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	03/24/10
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	03/31/10
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	03/31/10
Close of Record	04/30/10
Draft Findings of Fact	05/06/10
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	05/18/10
Deadline for Decision	06/21/10

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