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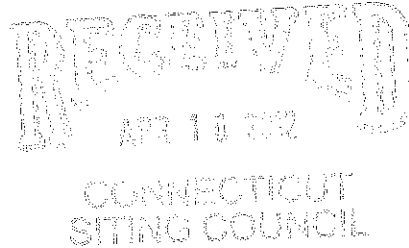
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April 10, 2012

VIA HAND DELIERY

Ms. Linda Roberts
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051



Re: Docket No. 426; Third Taxing District, Proposed Fitch Street Substation

Dear Ms. Roberts:

I write on behalf of the Third Taxing District ("TTD") of the City of Norwalk to provide you with an original and 20 copies of TTD's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (the "Application") for the construction of a new substation on Fitch Street in Norwalk, adjacent to its existing substation. The substation will improve reliability and increase capacity to serve the growing needs of the TTD distribution system.

In accordance with Section 16-501(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes the application package also includes the following documents:

1. an original Affidavit of Service of Application and the list of those served with a copy of the Application;
2. an original Affidavit of Public Notice stating that a notice of the intent to file the Application was published in The Hour on April 6th and 9th, 2012;
3. a copy of the certified mailing sent to abutting and nearby property owners informing them of the Application;
4. a copy of the Connecticut Siting Council Application Guide for an Electric Substation Facility dated April 2010, with references to the corresponding page numbers in the Application;

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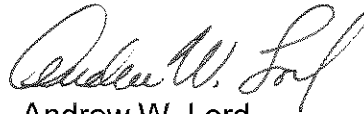
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5. a bulk filing of four copies of the municipal consultation filing, City of Norwalk Plan of Conservation and Development, Norwalk's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations and Building Zone Regulations of the City of Norwalk; and
6. a check in the amount of \$25,250.00 for the filing fee, and a check in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Municipal Participation fee.

An electronic copy of the Application will be submitted under separate cover tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration of this Application. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew W. Lord".

Andrew W. Lord

Enclosures

cc: Mr. George E. Leary
Mr. Christopher Swan

Application Service List

Office of the Attorney General	The Honorable George Jepson Attorney General 55 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106
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Council on Environmental Equality	Barbara C. Wagner, Chair Council on Environmental Equality 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Office of Policy and Management	Benjamin Barnes, Secretary Office of Policy and Management 450 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106-1379
Department of Economic and Community Development	Catherine Smith, Commissioner Department of Economic and Community Development 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Department of Agriculture	Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner Department of Agriculture 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106
Department of Transportation	James P. Redeker, Commissioner Department of Transportation 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT 06131-7546
FEDERAL AGENCIES	
United States Environmental Protection Agency	Lisa P. Johnson, Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, New England 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 Boston, MA 02114-2023
NORWALK: Local Agencies	
Chief Elected Official	Mayor Richard A. Moccia Mayor's Office 125 East Ave.

	P.O. Box 5125 Norwalk, CT 06856-5125
Conservation Commission	Alexis Cherichetti , Senior Environmental Officer Conservation Office 125 East Ave. Norwalk, CT 06851-5125
Inlands Wetlands Agency	Mr. Matthew Caputo, Chair Inland Wetlands Agency 125 East Avenue Norwalk, CT 06851-5125
Planning and Zoning Commission	Michael B. Greene, Director of Planning and Zoning Planning and Zoning 125 East Ave. Room 223 Norwalk, CT 06856
NORWALK: <i>Elected Representatives</i>	
State Senatorial District	Bob Duff Senate District 25 50 Toilsome Ave Norwalk, CT 06851-2425 <u>Mailed to:</u> The Honorable Bob Duff State Senator, District 25 Legislative Office Building Room 2400 Hartford, CT 06106-1591
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	Bruce Morris House District 140 17 Sention Ave

	<p>Norwalk, CT 06850-3207</p> <p><u>Mailed to:</u> The Honorable Bruce Morris State Representative, House District 140 Legislative Office Building Room 4030 Hartford, CT 06106-1591</p>
	<p>Terrie Wood House District 141 50 Saint Nicholas Rd Darien, CT 06820-2823</p> <p><u>Mailed to:</u> The Honorable Terrie Wood House Republican Office Legislative Office Building Room 4200 Hartford, CT 06106-1591</p>
	<p>Lawrence Cafero Jr. House District 142 6 Weed Ave Norwalk, CT 06850-2224</p> <p><u>Mailed to:</u> The Honorable Lawrence Cafero, Jr. House Republican Office Legislative Office Building Room 4200 Hartford, CT 06106-1591</p>
	<p>Gail Lavielle House District 143 109 Hickory Hill Rd Wilton, CT 06897-1135</p> <p><u>Mailed to:</u> The Honorable Gail Lavielle House Republican Office, District 143 Legislative Office Building Room 4200 Hartford, CT 06106-1591</p>

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC
NEED CONCERNING A 115KV TRANSMISSION CONNECTION AND EXPANSION
OF EAST AVENUE SUBSTATION IN THE CITY OF NORWALK

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The general public is invited to review the Application, after it is filed, during normal business hours at the following business offices:

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10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

James V. & Mildred B. Ohara
Trustees
7 Oakview Avenue
Millis, MA 02054

Re: Notice of Application of Norwalk Third Taxing District

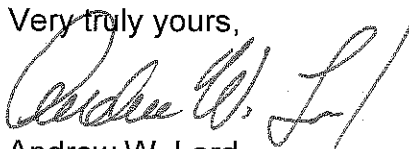
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Ohara:

I am writing on behalf of Norwalk Third Taxing District ("TTD") to inform you that TDD filed an application, pursuant to Section 16-50/ (a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes, with the Connecticut Siting Council on April 10, 2012.

This notice is being provided pursuant to Section 16-50/(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes which requires that a notice of such an application be provided to each person appearing of record as an owner of property which abuts the site of the proposed facility. Based upon our review of the most recent certified records obtained from Norwalk's Assessor's Office, we are providing you with this notice. A legal notice appeared in *The Hour* on Friday, April 6, 2012 and Monday, April 9, 2012. A copy of the notice is enclosed.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Andrew W. Lord

Enclosure

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Property	Last	First	Address	City	State	Zip
2 Fitch St	Ohara	James V & Mildred B Trustees	7 Oakview Ave	Millis	MA	02054
4 Fitch St	Ohara	James V & Mildred B Trustees	7 Oakview Ave	Millis	MA	02054
8 Fitch St	Scicchitano	Vincnet Jr & Maria	8 Fitch St	Norwalk	CT	06851
9 Fitch St		Pensione Properties LLC	56 Winding La	Norwalk	CT	06851
10 Fitch St	Virginia Chapman	Lana Young	341 Young Rd	Wolcott	VT	05680
11 Fitch St	Pena	Joseph & Carmen	11 Fitch St	Norwalk	CT	06851
15 Fitch St	Simela	Moisiadis	15 Fitch St	Norwalk	CT	06855
17 Fitch St	Gavdilides	Napoleon & Theodor	17 Fitch St	Norwalk	CT	06855
19 Fitch St	Masi	Anthony & Lorraine L	19 Fitch St	Norwalk	CT	06855
203 East Ave		St Thomas the Apostle Church	203 East Ave	Norwalk	CT	06855
Railroad		Connecticut DOT	2800 Berlin Turnpike	Newington	CT	06131

Connecticut Siting Council
Application Guide for an
ELECTRIC SUBSTATION FACILITY

April 2010

This application guide is designed to assist applicants in filing for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) from the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for the construction of an electric substation facility. Such facilities are defined in the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50i (a) (4).

Applicants should consult Connecticut General Statutes §§ 16-50g through 16-50aa, §16a-7c, and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50z-4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to assure complete compliance with the requirements of those sections. Where appropriate, statutory and regulatory references are noted below.

I. Pre-Application Process

A. Municipal Consultation (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50l (e))

“...at least 60 days prior to the filing of any application with the Council, the applicant shall consult with the municipality in which the facility may be located and with any other municipality required to be served with a copy of the application under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section [any adjoining municipality having a boundary not more than 2500 feet from such facility] concerning the proposed and alternative sites of the facility.....Such consultation with the municipality shall include, but not be limited to, good faith efforts to meet with the chief elected official of the municipality. At the time of the consultation, the applicant shall provide the chief elected official with any technical reports concerning the public need, the site selection process and the environmental effects of the proposed facility. The municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings as it deems necessary for it to advise the applicant of its recommendations concerning the proposed facility. Within 60 days of the initial consultation, the municipality shall issue its recommendations to the applicant. No later than 15 days after submitting the application to the Council, the applicant shall provide to the Council all materials provided to the municipality and a summary of the consultations with the municipality including all recommendations issued by the municipality.”

“...the applicant shall submit to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) the same information that it provides to a municipality ... on the same day of the consultation with the municipality.”

B. Application to Municipal Agencies (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50x (d))

Municipal zoning and inland wetland agencies may regulate and restrict the location of an electric substation facility. Such action must be taken within 30 days of application filed with the Council. Orders made by the municipal zoning and inland wetland agencies may be appealed within thirty days by any party or municipality required to be served with a copy of the application.

II. Form of Application (Regs. Conn. State Agencies §16-50l-2)

All applications shall include the following components:

- A. The purpose for which the application is being made;
- B. The statutory authority for such application;
- C. The exact legal name of each person seeking the authorization or relief and the address or principal place of business of each such person. If any applicant is a corporation, trust association, or other organized group, it shall also give the state under the laws of which it was created or organized;
- D. The name, title, address, and telephone number of the attorney or other person to whom correspondence or communications in regard to the application are to be addressed. Notice, orders, and other papers may be served upon the person so named, and such service shall be deemed to be service to the applicant;
- E. Such information as may be required under the applicable provisions of Section 16-50l of the Connecticut General Statutes;
- F. Such information as any department or agency of the state exercising environmental controls may, by regulation, require; and
- G. Such information as the applicant may consider relevant.

III. Filing Requirements (Regs. Conn. State Agencies §16-50j-12)

- A. Except as may be otherwise required, at the time applications are filed with the Council, there shall be furnished to the Council an original and 20 copies. All filings from the applicant, parties, or intervenors must consist of an original and 20 copies, labeled with the docket number, properly collated and paginated, and bound. An electronic version of all filings, as appropriate, should be provided.

- B. Bulk filing should be provided of not less than four (4) copies of the applicable town zoning and Inland wetlands regulations (including a map showing the location of inland wetlands if relevant) and plan of development and any other publicly available material in support of the application. These documents shall include effective dates, revision dates, or dates of adoption. If no such dates are available, the document shall include the date the document was obtained.

- C. Applications filed for the purpose of any proceeding before the Council shall be printed or typewritten on paper cut or folded to letter size, 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Width of margins shall be not less than one inch. The impression shall be on only one side of the papers, unless printed, and shall be double spaced, except that quotations in excess of five typewritten lines shall be single spaced and indented. Mimeographed, multigraphed, photoduplicated, or the like copies will be accepted as typewritten, provided all copies are clear and permanently legible. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, all filings should be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Applicants should avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

- D. Every original shall be signed by the applicant or by one or more attorneys in their individual names on behalf of the applicant. All applications shall be filed at the office of the Council, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051. Service of all documents and other papers filed as applications, briefs, and exhibits, but not limited to those categories, shall be by personal delivery or by first class mail to the Council and all parties and intervenors to the proceeding, unless service has been waived.

- E. Any exhibits, sworn written testimony, data, models, illustrations, and all other materials that the applicant deems necessary or desirable to support the granting of the application shall be attached to the application. In addition, annexed materials shall include such exhibits, sworn written testimony, and other data that any statute or regulations may require. The applicant may request that administrative notice be taken of and refer in the application to portions of other Council docket records and generic hearings or statements prepared by the Council as a result of generic hearings. All documents, including but not limited to maps, shall include effective dates, revision dates, or dates of adoption. If no such dates are available the document shall include the date the document was obtained. Maps must include a key table(s) and a matching source list/table, appropriately organized.

- F. Applicants may present material in a sequence and format most appropriate for the particular proposal. To allow timely Council review, include with the application a copy of this form with page references for each item required in Section VI below.
- G. Potential applicants are urged to carefully review Connecticut General Statutes §§ 16-50l(e), 16-50i and 16a-7c to determine whether the proposed project falls within the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) “request-for-proposal” process.

IV. Application Filing Fees (Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50l(a); Conn. Gen. State. §4-189j; Regs., Conn. State Agencies § 16-50v-1a)

Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50l(a) mandates a municipal participation fee of \$25,000 to be deposited in the account established in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50bb.

The filing fee for an application is determined by the following schedule:

Estimated Construction Cost	Fee
Up to \$5,000,000	0.05% or \$1,250.00, whichever is greater;
Above \$5,000,000	0.1% or \$25,250.00, whichever is less.

All application fees shall be paid to the Council at the time an application is filed with the Council. Additional assessments may be made for expenses in excess of the filing fee. Fees in excess of the Council’s actual costs will be refunded to the applicant.

V. Municipal Participation Account (Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50bb)

Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50bb requires that each application be accompanied by a payment in the amount of \$25,000 to be deposited in a Municipal Participation Account within the General Fund to defray expenses incurred by each municipality entitled to receive a copy the application under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50l that chooses to participate as a party to the certification proceeding. Any moneys remaining at the end of the proceeding shall be refunded to the applicant.

VI. Contents of Application (Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50l(a)(1)(A))

An application for a Certificate for the construction of an electric substation or switchyard shall include the following:

- A. An executive summary. A description and the location of the proposed facility, including an artist’s rendering and/or narrative describing its appearance.

- B. A description of the technical specifications, including but not limited to: **Pg. 5**
1. Itemized estimated costs;
 2. Comparative costs of alternatives considered;
 3. Facility service life;
 4. Bus design and specifications;
 5. Overhead take-off design, appearance, and heights, if any;
 6. Length of interconnections to transmission and distribution;
 7. Initial and design voltages and capacities;
 8. Rights-of-way and access-way acquisition;
 9. Transmission connections and distribution feeders; and
 10. Service area.
- C. A statement and full explanation of why the proposed facility is needed and how the facility would conform to a long-range plan for the expansion of the electric power grid serving the state and interconnected utility systems that would serve the public need for adequate, reliable, and economic service, including: **Pg. 7**
- limitations;
1. A description and documentation of the existing system and its
 2. Justification for the proposed in-service date;
 3. The estimated length of time the existing system is judged to be adequate with and without the proposed facility;
 4. Identification of system alternatives with the advantages and disadvantages of each;
 5. If applicable, identification of the facility in the forecast of loads and resources pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50r; and
 6. An impact assessment of any electromagnetic fields to be produced by the proposed transmission line, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50l(a)(1)(A).
- D. A justification for overhead portions, if any, including life cycle cost studies comparing overhead alternatives with underground alternatives.
- E. A schedule of dates showing the proposed program of right of way or property acquisition, construction, completion and operation. **Pg. 35
Tab H**
- F. A description of the named sites, including: **Pg. 9**

1. The most recent U.S.G.S. topographic quadrangle map (scale 1 inch = 2,000 feet) marked to show the site of the facility and any significant changes within a one mile radius of the site.
 2. A map (scale not less than 1 inch = 200 feet) of the lot or tract on which the facility is proposed to be located showing the acreage and dimensions of such site, the name and location of adjoining public roads or the nearest public road, and the names of abutting owners and the portions of their lands abutting the site and the proximity to the following:
 - a. Settled areas;
 - b. Schools and daycare centers;
 - c. Hospitals;
 - d. Group homes;
 - e. Forests and parks;
 - f. Recreational areas;
 - g. Seismic areas;
 - h. Scenic areas;
 - i. Historic areas;
 - j. Areas of geologic or archaeological interest;
 - k. Areas regulated under the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act;
 - l. Areas regulated under the Tidal Wetlands Act and Coastal Zone Management Act;
 - m. Public water supplies;
 - n. Hunting or wildlife management areas; and
 - o. Existing transmission lines within one mile of the site.
 3. A site plan (scale not less than 1 inch = 40 feet) showing the proposed facility, set back radius, existing and proposed contour elevations, 100 year flood zones, waterways, wetlands, and all associated equipment and structures on the site.
 4. Where relevant, a terrain profile showing the proposed facility and access road with existing and proposed grades; and
 5. The most recent aerial photograph (scale not less than 1 inch = 1,000 feet) showing the proposed site, access roads, and all abutting properties.
- G. A justification for selection of the proposed site including a comparison with alternative sites which are environmentally, technically, and economically practicable. Include enough information for a complete comparison between the proposed site and any alternative site

contemplated.

- H. Safety and reliability information, including: **Pg. 17**
1. Provisions for emergency operations and shutdowns; and
 2. Fire suppression technology.
- I. A description of the effect that the proposed facility would have on the environment, ecology, and scenic, historic, and recreational values, including effects on: **Pg. 18**
1. Public health and safety;
 2. Local, state, and federal land use plans;
 3. Existing and future development;
 4. Roads;
 5. Wetlands;
 6. Wildlife and vegetation, including rare and endangered species, and species of special concern, with documentation by the Department of Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Data Base;
 7. Water supply areas;
 8. Archaeological and historic resources, with documentation by the State Historic Preservation Officer; and
 9. Other environmental concerns identified by the applicant, the Council, or any public agency, including but not limited to, where applicable:
 - Coastal Consistency Analysis (C.G.S. §22a-90)
 - Connecticut Heritage Areas (C.G.S. §16a-27)
 - Ridgeline Protection Zones (C.G.S. §8-1aa)
 - Aquifer Protection Zones (C.G.S. §22a-354b)
 - DOT Scenic Lands (C.G.S. §13a-85a)
 - State Parks and Forests (C.G.S. §23-5)
 - Agricultural Lands (C.G.S. §22-26aa)
 - Wild and Scenic Rivers (C.G.S. §25-199)
 - Protected Rivers (C.G.S. §25-200)
 - Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Species (C.G.S. §26-303)
- J. Sight line graphs to the named sites from visually impacted areas such as residential developments, recreational areas, and historic sites;
- K. A statement explaining mitigation measures for the proposed facility including: **Pg. 26**

1. Description of proposed site clearing for access road and compound including type of vegetation scheduled for removal and quantity of trees greater than six inches diameter at breast height and involvement with wetlands;
 2. Construction techniques designed specifically to minimize adverse effects on natural areas and sensitive areas;
 3. Special routing or design features made specifically to avoid or minimize adverse effects on natural areas and sensitive areas;
 4. Establishment of vegetation proposed near residential, recreational, and scenic areas; and
 5. Methods for preservation of vegetation for wildlife habitat and screening.
- L. Justification that the location of the proposed facility would not pose an undue safety or health hazard to persons or property at the site of the proposed facility including: **Pg. 30**
1. Measurements of existing electric and magnetic fields (EMF) at site boundaries, and at boundaries of adjacent schools, daycare facilities, playgrounds, and hospitals, with extrapolated calculations of exposure levels during expected normal and peak normal line loading;
 2. Calculations of expected EMF levels at the above-listed locations that would occur during normal and peak normal operation of the facility; and
 3. A statement describing consistency with the Council's "Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields," as amended; and
 4. A description of siting security measures for the proposed facility, consistent with the Council's "White Paper on the Security of Siting Energy Facilities," as amended.
- M. A schedule of the proposed program for right-of-way or property acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, testing, and operation. **Pg. 35
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- N. A statement of estimated costs for site acquisition, construction, and equipment for a facility at the various proposed sites of the facility, including all candidates referred to in the application; **Pg. 7**
- O. Identification of each federal, state, regional, district, and municipal agency with which proposed route or site reviews have been undertaken or will be undertaken, including a copy of each written agency position on such route or site, and a schedule for obtaining approvals not yet received. **Pg. 35**

- P. Bulk filing of the most recent conservation, inland wetland, zoning, and plan of development documents of the municipality, including a description of the zoning classification of the site and surrounding areas, and a narrative summary of the consistency of the project with the Town's regulations and plans. **Pg. 36**

Please note that all documents, including but not limited to maps, must be dated. If the document date is unavailable, the date the document was obtained shall be provided. Maps must include a key table(s) and a matching source list/table, appropriately organized.

VII. Proof of Service (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50l (b))

Each application shall be accompanied by proof of service of such application on:

- A. The chief elected official, the zoning commission, planning commission, the planning and zoning commissions, and the conservation and wetlands commissions of the site municipality and any adjoining municipality having a boundary not more than 2500 feet from the facility;
- B. The regional planning agency that encompasses the site municipality;
- C. The State Attorney General;
- D. Each member of the Legislature whose district is in or is within 2500 feet from the municipality where the facility is proposed;
- E. Any federal agency, department, commission or instrumentality which has jurisdiction over the proposed facility; and
- F. The state Departments of Environmental Protection, Public Health, Public Utility Control, Economic and Community Development, Agriculture and Transportation; the Council on Environmental Quality; and the Office of Policy and Management.
- G. Any such other state and municipal bodies as the Council may by regulation designate, including but not limited to, the State Historic Preservation Officer of the Commission on Culture and Tourism and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

VIII. Notice to Community Organizations

The applicant shall use reasonable efforts to provide notice of the application on the following:

- A. Affected community groups including Chambers of Commerce, land trusts, environmental groups, trail organizations, historic preservation groups, advocacy groups for the protection of Long Island Sound and river protection organizations within the watershed affected by the proposed facility that have been identified by the municipality where the facility is proposed to be located or that have registered with the Council to be provided notice; and
- B. Any affected water company that would provide water to, or be within the watershed affected by, the proposed facility.

IX. Public Notice (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50I (b))

Notice shall be made in accordance with all relevant sections of Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50I(b). The Council's regulations should also be consulted when determining appropriate notice. Notice of the application shall be published at least twice prior to the filing of the application in a newspaper having general circulation in the site municipality or municipalities. The notice shall state the name of the applicant, the date of filing, and a summary of the application. The notice must be published in not less than ten point type.

The Council also advises each applicant that at least ten business days prior to the public hearing such applicant should erect and maintain in a legible condition a sign not less than six feet by four feet upon the site at the entrance to the property from a public road where such facility is to be located. The sign shall set forth the name of the applicant, the type of facility, the public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (Web site and phone number).

Example:

PUBLIC NOTICE:

CL&P has filed an application with the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for construction of an electric substation facility on this site. The Council will hold a public hearing on March 27, 2010 at the Newington Town Hall Auditorium at 3 and 7 p.m. A copy of the application can be reviewed at the town hall or at the Council offices in New Britain, CT. For more information, please contact the Council by telephone at 860-827-2935, electronically at www.ct.gov/csc, or by mail at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051.

X. Notice to Abutting Landowners (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50I (b))

Notice of the application shall be sent by certified or registered mail to each person appearing of record as an owner of property which abuts the primary or alternative sites on which the proposed facility would be located. Notice shall be sent at the same time

that notice of the application is given to the general public.

The application shall be accompanied by an affidavit of notice to all abutting landowners and an affidavit of publication each time notice of application is published.

XI. Procedures

- A. The Council will review and may reject the application within 30 days if it fails to comply with specific data or exhibit requirements or if the applicant fails to promptly correct deficiencies. (Regs., Conn. State Agencies §§ 16-50l-4 through 16-50l-5)
- B. The Council and any party or intervenor to the proceeding may file exhibits and interrogatories requesting supplemental or explanatory materials. All filings will be subject to cross-examination and the Council's discretion for admission into the record. (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50o)
- C. A public hearing must be held at a location selected by the Council in the county in which the facility is proposed, with one session held after 6:30 p.m. for the convenience of the public. If the proposed facility is to be located in more than one county, the Council shall fix the location for at least one public hearing session in whichever county it deems appropriate, provided that the Council may hold hearing sessions in more than one county. The Council's record must remain open for 30 days after the close of the hearing. (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50n (f))
- D. The Council must render a decision within 180 days of receipt of an application, extendible by 180 days upon consent of applicant. (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p)

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