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May 7, 2012

TO:

Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts

Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 426 - Third Taxing District Electric Department application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed 115-kV transmission connection and expansion of the East Avenue Substation located at 6 Fitch Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from State Representative Chris Perone, dated April 20, 2012, concerning the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50l(b), a copy of the application was submitted to Representative Perone's office for review. In the event that Representative Perone does not avail himself of the opportunity to attain party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding.

Therefore, a copy of this correspondence is being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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Enclosure





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April 20, 2012

Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket #426

To The Council,

CONNECTICUTE SITING COUNCIL

I write to support the proposal from the City of Norwalk's Third Taxing District (TTD) for construction of a bulk power supply substation. This project would address the service area's concerns for reliability and capacity.

TTD is a part of CMEEC, and operates a public power utility that provides reliable, low-cost electricity to 3800 customers in East Norwalk. The District currently owns and operates 6 MW of diesel-fired generation for ISO-New England's forward locational reserve market. It receives its power through a wholesale distribution agreement between CMEEC and CL&P, whereby CL&P delivers power from its bulk transmission system to TTD's local distribution system.

The facilities that comprise the interconnection are old, some as old as sixty years, and are limited in capacity and reliability. One of the two underground cables is often out-of-service for maintenance due to its age or because CL&P and other customers are performing service on connected facilities. The frequency of these outages threatens the reliability of the interconnection and the TTD distribution system, especially in the event of a contingency on the second cable.

To improve reliability and capacity, TTD is proposing to construct a new 115 kV/27.6 kV substation adjacent to its existing substation on Fitch Street in Norwalk. The substation will be served from CL&P's adjoining 115 kV "1416" line, which extends between CL&P's Compo and Darien substations. TTD plans to transfer its loads that are currently being served from two multi-use 27.6 kV circuits originating at CL&P's Norwalk 9S Substation. TTD has already spent \$1 million to acquire the project site. The anticipated total cost of the project should be approximately \$8 million. Through its expected service life, the project should provide 40 years of reliable, upgradable power supply.

Given the existing geographic, economic and reliability constraints, TTD through its elected Commission feels that the construction of a bulk power supply substation is the best option for providing long-term power supply to its customer owners. I agree with this assessment and strongly support their application docket.

Sincerely,

Rep. Chris Perone

Date: April 17, 2012

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