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DATE: May 10, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director *LR/WR*

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 an electrical substation located at 6 Fitch Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

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I. Introduction

The application is from the Third Taxing District Electric Department (TTD) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV to 27.6-kV substation located adjacent to its existing East Avenue Substation in the Town of Norwalk, Connecticut. The proposed substation would add capacity and improve electric distribution system reliability in TTD's Norwalk service area. The City of Norwalk supports the proposal.

TTD proposes to construct the new substation on a 0.58-acre parcel owned by TTD at 6 Fitch Street in Norwalk. The parcel consist of an open, industrially zoned lot. The site abuts TTD's existing 27.6-kV to 4.16-kV East Avenue Substation to the southwest.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed 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 regarding the filing of this application was published in The 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 Norwalk on June 14, 2012, and depositing the transcript in the Norwalk City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	04/10/12
Completeness review	05/10/12
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	05/11/12
• Set-One responses due	05/25/12
• Set-Two Filed	05/30/12
• Set-Two responses due	06/07/12
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	05/23/12
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Hearing Participants	05/31/12
Pre-filed testimony due	06/07/12
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	06/08/12
Field review (2:00p.m.)	06/14/12
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00p.m.)	06/14/12
Close of Record	07/16/12
Draft Findings of Fact	07/26/12
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	08/09/12
Deadline for Decision	10/08/12

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