



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DATE: October 18, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 431** – South Norwalk Electric and Water application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an electrical substation and its connection to an existing 115 kV transmission line, located at 180 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Norwalk, Connecticut.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from South Norwalk Electric and Water (SNEW) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed substation in the City of Norwalk, Connecticut. The proposed substation would improve electric service reliability for SNEW's customers and increase SNEW's system capacity to meet forecast load growth in the South Norwalk area.

SNEW proposes to construct a 115-kV to 13.8-kV substation on a 1.07-acre parcel owned by SNEW. The site is located at 180 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Norwalk, adjacent to the railroad tracks.

### 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 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 Carriann Mulchay as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the City of Norwalk on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, and depositing the transcript in the Norwalk City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/11/2012
Completeness review	10/18/2012
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	10/23/2012
• Set-One responses due	11/13/2012
• Set-Two Filed	11/15/2012
• Set-Two responses due	12/04/2012
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	11/13/2012
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	11/27/2012
Pre-filed testimony due	12/04/2012
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	12/04/2012
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	12/11/2012
Hearing (3:00 p.m.)	12/11/2012
Close of Record	01/10/2013
Draft Findings of Fact	02/07/2013
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	02/21/2013
Deadline for Decision	03/11/2013

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