



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DATE: February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 435** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Stamford Reliability Cable Project, which consists of construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV underground transmission circuit extending approximately 1.5 miles between Glenbrook and South End Substations, Stamford, Connecticut and related substation improvements.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from The Connecticut Light and Power Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kilovolt underground transmission circuit over approximately 1.5 miles between the Glenbrook and South End Substations in the City of Stamford, Connecticut. The project would also consist of related modifications and improvements to existing facilities.

### II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility* dated April 2010 includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed preferred and alternate routes, 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.

### 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 Advocate and The Connecticut Post on January 7 and 14, 2013. Electric customer bill insert describing the proposed project was included in one or more monthly bills to each CL&P customer within the vicinity of the three alternate routes for one or more months not earlier than 60 days prior to the filing of its application with the Council.

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 Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the City of Stamford on Thursday, March 28, 2013, and depositing the transcript in the Stamford City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	01/18/13
Completeness review	02/18/13
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	02/22/13
• Set-One responses due	03/06/13
• Set-Two Filed	03/08/13
• Set-Two responses due	03/14/13
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	03/06/13
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	03/14/13
Pre-filed testimony due	03/21/13
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	03/21/13
Field review (1:00 p.m.)	03/28/13
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	03/28/13
Close of Record	04/29/13
Draft Findings of Fact	05/16/13
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	05/30/13
Deadline for Decision	02/03/14

Siting Analyst: David Martin