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July 23, 2015

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 461 - Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements.

I. Introduction

The application is from Eversource Energy (Eversource) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue in Greenwich, two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation in Greenwich, and related modifications to existing facilities. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide new capacity and reliability to Eversource's electric system in the western portion of Greenwich.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, 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 § 16-50/ (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The Greenwich Time and The Stamford Advocate on June 24, 2015 and June 25, 2015, respectively. Notice of the project was also provided to Eversouce's Greenwich customers by including a project information insert within each customer's electric bill.

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 Town of Greenwich on September 1, 2015, and depositing the transcript in the Greenwich Town Hall.

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Enclosure: Schedule





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SCHEDULE

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Application received	06/26/15
Completeness review	07/23/15
Pre-hearing Questions	
Set-One Filed	07/30/15
Set-One responses due	08/13/15
Pre-hearing conference (10: 00 a.m.)	08/05/15
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	08/18/15
Pre-filed testimony due	08/25/15
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	08/25/15
Field review (1:00 p.m.)	09/01/15
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)	09/01/15
Close of Record	10/01/15
Draft Findings of Fact	10/15/15
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion	10/29/15
& Decision & Order	
Deadline for Decision	06/26/16

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