

### CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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May 26, 2017

TO:

Parties & Intervenors

FROM:

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 461A - 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 transmission circuits extending approximately

2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Reopening of this docket based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-

181a(b).

Enclosed please find a copy of the Connecticut Siting Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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c: Secretary of the State Council Members Application Service Recipients BCT Reporting LLC Pryme Tyme Entertainment







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#### HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and § 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public comment hearing session on Thursday, July 13, 2017, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Greenwich Library, Cole Auditorium, 101 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. The hearing will be on the reopening of Eversource Energy's 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 transmission circuits extending between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements, based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). The 6:30 p.m. public comment hearing session is reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed project on Thursday, July 13, 2017, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

On May 25, 2017, the Council, pursuant to a motion filed by Eversource Energy and Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b), reopened the final decision rendered in this docket. The reopening will allow the Council to consider changed conditions, public need and alternate locations for the proposed electric substation and electric transmission circuits. The Council will conduct an evidentiary hearing session on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, beginning at 11:00 a.m., at the office of the Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, in Hearing Room One, and thereafter as necessary. The evidentiary hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq. of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by July 18, 2017. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party/intervenor groupings.



Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, 06051, on or before July 18, 2017.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the final evidentiary hearing session.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the final evidentiary hearing session. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the final evidentiary hearing session, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing sessions will be made and deposited with the Greenwich Town Clerk's Office for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by July 18, 2017.

The applicant is represented by the following:

#### **Applicant**

#### Its Representative

Eversource Energy

Anthony M. Fitzgerald, Esq. Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP 195 Church Street New Haven, CT 06509

A copy of the Motion to Reopen is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on the Council website at <a href="http://www.ct.gov/csc">http://www.ct.gov/csc</a> under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this matter Docket No. 461A.

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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee

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Commissioner Catherine Smith Department of Economic and Community Development

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Thomas A. Harley, P.E., Chief Engineer Bureau of Engineering and Construction Department of Transportation

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director Connecticut Airport Authority

Commissioner Dora B. Schriro Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 461A** - 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 transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Reopening of this docket based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced matter. Your response on or before July 18, 2017, would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the matter is pending until the evidentiary record closes.

You may access the Motion to Reopen and other documents for this proceeding, including the proceeding schedule, on our website at <a href="www.ct.gov/csc">www.ct.gov/csc</a> under the link "Pending Matters."

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 26, 2017

TO:

Classified/Legal Supervisor

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The Greenwich Time

Southern Connecticut Newspapers

20 East Elm Street Greenwich, CT 06830

FROM:

Lisa Fontaine, Fiscal Administrative Officer

RE:

**DOCKET NO. 461A** - 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 transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Reopening of this docket based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut

General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to:

Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

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May 26, 2017

Lily Elizabeth Stevenson
Library Technical Assistant - Admin
Greenwich Library
101 West Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830
<a href="mailto:lstevenson@greenwichlibrary.org">lstevenson@greenwichlibrary.org</a>

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Dear Ms. Stevenson:

Confirming our telephone conversation of May 22, 2017, I appreciate the reservation of the <u>Cole Auditorium</u> at the Greenwich Public Library for a public hearing on Thursday, July 13, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Fontaine

Fiscal Administrative Officer

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The Honorable Peter J. Tesei First Selectman Greenwich Town Hall 101 Field Point Road P. O. Box 2540 Greenwich, CT 06836-2540

RE: Hearing Date - July 13, 2017, in connection with DOCKET NO. 461A - 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 transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Reopening of this docket based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Dear First Selectman Tesei:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your municipality in connection with the above-referenced reopened matter. Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50m, "...at least one hearing session shall be held at a location selected by the Council in the county in which the facility or any part thereof is to be located after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public." The Town of Greenwich was granted party status in the original proceeding held on the above-referenced matter in 2016 and retains party status in the reopened proceeding.

After a matter is filed with the Council, a public inspection of the proposed project and alternatives, and at least one public hearing are held in the host municipality to hear concerns from residents. Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event that you have legal questions, please contact our Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely.

Robert Stein Chairman

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