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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MMB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 466** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project that traverses the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, and Harwinton, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 10.4 miles between Eversource's existing Frost Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and existing Campville Substation in the Town of Harwinton; (b) related modifications to Frost Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and (c) reconfiguration of a 0.4 mile segment of two existing 115-kV electric transmission lines across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of Litchfield and Harwinton within the same existing right-of-way as the new 115-kV electric transmission line.

At a pre-hearing conference held on February 3, 2016, at the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) office and attended by Anthony Fitzgerald, Esq. of Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, and John Morissette and Jason Cabral of Eversource Energy, the Council requested that the following format be used for the evidentiary session scheduled on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, and the evidentiary and public comment sessions scheduled on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Pre-hearing Procedure

1. On or before February 9, 2016, all parties and intervenors are requested to exchange pre-hearing interrogatories with all other parties and intervenors.
2. On or before February 16, 2016, all parties and intervenors are requested to file responses to pre-hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with the Council and all other parties and intervenors. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing.
3. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to file a written petition with the Council on or before February 16, 2016.
4. All filings are to be in accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.



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5. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, at least ten business days prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall erect and maintain, in a legible condition, signs not less than six feet by four feet at conspicuous locations along the route and at the substation sites. The signs shall set forth the name of the applicant, the type of facility, the public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (Web site and phone number).
6. Enclosed is a list of items the Council wishes to notice administratively. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the hearing.

Hearing Procedure

7. The 2:00 p.m., February 23, 2016, evidentiary session will provide the applicant an opportunity to introduce its exhibits and witness panel.
8. A public field review of the proposed project will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, beginning at 1:00 p.m. from the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company, 12 Knife Shop Road, Litchfield, Connecticut.
9. The 3:30 p.m., March 1, 2016, evidentiary session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to introduce exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed to present additional exhibits and witnesses, and then be subject to cross-examination by the Council and all parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to introduce their exhibits and witness panels, and be subject to cross-examination by the Council, the applicant and all other parties and intervenors.
10. All participants are requested to place nameplates on the table in front of each witness at the hearing.
11. The order of appearances and cross-examination will be governed by a hearing program developed by the Council for the proceeding. The Council may issue a draft version of the hearing program to parties and intervenors prior to the hearing.
12. The 6:30 p.m. public comment session on March 1, 2016, will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. The Council requests that the applicant conduct a brief presentation prior to public comment, using 24-inch by 36-inch diagrams depicting site features, or other form of presentation such as a video or PowerPoint. The diagrams or other form of presentation must be from materials already submitted into the record.
13. If time remains, the 6:30 p.m. public comment session may provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to continue their appearances and cross-examination that began during the 3:30 p.m. evidentiary session.
14. The Council will provide public officials who have not been granted party or intervenor status an opportunity to make a statement.
15. The Council may, at its discretion, group parties and intervenors with the same interests.
16. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.

17. Pursuant to Section 16-50j-15b of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, any party or intervenor, including those that are members of non-profit corporations or citizens groups, that have attained party or intervenor status in the proceeding are deemed to be represented in the proceeding and may not submit oral or written statements into the record.
18. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.

Post-hearing procedure

19. A verbatim transcript of each hearing session will be made and deposited with the Clerk's Office of the Towns of Litchfield, Harwinton, Thomaston, Watertown, Plymouth, and the City of Waterbury for the convenience of the public.
20. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
21. Members of the public will be allowed to submit written statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
22. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and written statements will be final and no extensions will be granted.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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