

In The Matter Of:

*Application for Connecticut Light & Power Company
d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate*

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5 Application for Connecticut Light & Power
6 Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate
7 of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for
8 the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt
9 Electric Transmission Line Project that Traverses
10 the Municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston,
11 Litchfield and Harwinton, which Consists of (a)
12 Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a New
13 115-kilovolt Overhead Electric Transmission Line
14 Entirely Within Existing Eversource Right-of-way
15 and Associated Facilities Extending Approximately
16 10.4 Miles Between Eversource's Existing Frost
17 Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and
18 Existing Campville Substation in the Town of
19 Harwinton; (b) Related Modifications to Frost
20 Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and
21 (c) Reconfiguration of a 0.4 Mile Segment of Two
22 Existing 115-kilovolt Electric Transmission Lines
23 Across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of
24 Litchfield and Harwinton Within the Same Existing
25 Right-of-way as the New 115-kilovolt Electric
Transmission Line

17 Public Hearing held at the Northfield

18 Volunteer Fire Department, 12 Knife Shop Road,
19 Litchfield, Connecticut, Tuesday, March 1, 2016,
20 beginning at 6:29 p.m.

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1 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Ladies and
2 gentlemen, I'd like to call this hearing of the
3 Connecticut Siting Council to order this evening,
4 March 1, 2016, at approximately 6:30. My name is
5 Jerry Murphy. I'm the Vice Chairman of the
6 Connecticut Siting Council. And I'm chairing this
7 evening in the absence of our Chairman.

8 Other members of the staff here this
9 evening are Robert Hannon, the designee for
10 Commissioner Robert Klee of the Department of
11 Energy and Environmental Protection; Larry
12 Levesque, the designee for Chairman Arthur House
13 with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;
14 Philip T. Ashton; and Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
15 Members of the staff, Attorney Melanie Bachman,
16 Acting Executive Director and Staff Attorney, and
17 Robert Mercier, our siting analyst on this file.

18 This is a continuation of a public
19 hearing that began on Tuesday, February 23, 2016,
20 at the Connecticut Siting Council offices in New
21 Britain and was continued here at 3:30 p.m. this
22 afternoon. Copies of the hearing program and the
23 Council's Citizen's Guide to Siting Council
24 Procedures are available for members of the
25 public. And they're over on the table, if anyone

1 cares to help themselves to them.

2 This hearing is held pursuant to the
3 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
4 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
5 Procedure Act upon an application from the
6 Connecticut Light and Power Company, doing
7 business as Eversource Energy, for a Certificate
8 of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for
9 the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt
10 electric transmission line project that traverses
11 the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston,
12 Litchfield, and Harwinton, which consists of (a)
13 construction, maintenance and operation of a new
14 115-kilovolt overhead electric transmission line
15 entirely within existing eversource right-of-way
16 and associated facilities extending approximately
17 10.4 miles between Eversource's existing Frost
18 Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and
19 Existing Campville Substation in the Town of
20 Harwinton; (b) related modifications to Frost
21 Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and
22 (c) reconfiguration of a 0.4 mile segment of two
23 existing 115-kilovolt electric transmission lines
24 across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of
25 Litchfield and Harwinton within the same existing

1 right-of-way as the new 115-kilovolt electric
2 transmission line. This application was received
3 by the Council on December 23, 2015.

4 The applicant published notice of this
5 filing with the Council in the Litchfield County
6 Times on December 11 and 18, 2015; the
7 Republican-American on December 15 and 17, 2015;
8 and the Torrington Register Citizen also on
9 December 15 and 19, 2015. The Council's legal
10 notice of the date and time of this hearing was
11 published in the Republican-American on January
12 26, 2016. Upon the Council's request, the
13 applicant erected signs at conspicuous locations
14 along the project route and at both substations so
15 as to inform the public of the name of the
16 applicant, the type of facility, the hearing date
17 and its location, and the contact information for
18 this Council.

19 This afternoon members of the Council,
20 staff and public personally conducted a field
21 review of the proposed project in order to observe
22 first-hand the potential effects of this proposal.

23 This hearing tonight has been reserved
24 first for the public to make short statements into
25 the record. These public statements are not

1 subject to questions from the parties or the
2 Council, and members of the public making
3 statements may not ask questions of the parties or
4 the Council. These statements will become part of
5 the record for the Council's consideration. A
6 sign-up sheet is available for those who would
7 like to participate, and the sign-up sheets are on
8 the table, again, off to my left.

9 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
10 communication with a member of this Council or a
11 member of the Council staff, upon the merits of
12 this application, is prohibited by law.

13 I wish to note that the parties and
14 intervenors, including their representatives and
15 witnesses, are not allowed to participate in the
16 public comment session this evening. I also wish
17 to note for those who are here and for the benefit
18 of your friends and neighbors who are unable to
19 join us for this public comment session, that you
20 or they may send written statements to the Council
21 within 30 days of this date, and such written
22 statements will be given the same weight as if
23 spoken tonight at this hearing. If necessary,
24 party and intervenor cross-examination that began
25 this afternoon at 3:30 may be continued after the

1 public hearing.

2 We ask that each person making a public
3 statement in this proceeding this evening to
4 confine his or her statements to the subject
5 matter before the Council and to avoid
6 unreasonable repetition so that we may hear all of
7 the concerns you and your neighbors may have.
8 Please be advised that the Council cannot answer
9 questions from the public about this proposal.

10 A verbatim transcript will be made of
11 this hearing and deposited with the Towns of
12 Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, Harwinton,
13 Plymouth and the City of Waterbury Clerk's Offices
14 for the convenience of the public.

15 Normally we ask that some member of the
16 applicant's staff make a presentation, but I guess
17 tonight we've got a video. So with that, do you
18 need the lights turned? Can people in the back
19 see the way they've set up the screen? If you
20 can't, just let us know.

21 (Whereupon the video was played.)

22 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: I will now proceed
23 to call the name of the first -- we only have two
24 people who are signed up so far. So if there are
25 other members of the public who are interested in

1 speaking this evening, there's more sign-up sheets
2 over there. And when you come up to speak, we'd
3 appreciate it if, in addition to stating your
4 name, if you could spell your last name, which
5 would make it easier for those who are making the
6 recordings to get a better record.

7 The first person is John Calabrese.

8 JOHN CALABRESE: Good evening. My name
9 is John Calabrese. Last name is
10 C-a-l-a-b-r-e-s-e. I'm a long-time member and
11 representative for the Town of Thomaston Fish and
12 Game Club to give our positions and concerns for
13 this evening.

14 First of all, I would like to thank the
15 members of the Council for the hard work you do.
16 I was at this afternoon's session. And in a room
17 listening to testimony of lawyers and engineers is
18 quite interesting.

19 The project you have before you is a
20 major project, and it impacts our property. We
21 have a large tract of land within the project
22 area. You'll be deliberating on a lot of points
23 for the project and coming up with your solutions.

24 There's one section in the application,
25 and it's on page 12-9, and it's Section 12-4, and

1 it affects us quite substantially. We are land
2 conservators and maintainers, and we are adjacent
3 to property owners and the Mattatuck State Forest.
4 The options that are listed in those sections
5 allow us, at least our section of the project, to
6 choose H-frame structures over the 90 foot -- in
7 preference to the 90-foot monopoles. The natural
8 canopy of our forested areas and the Mattatuck
9 Forest where our land is adjacent to is
10 approximately 70 feet tall. The construction of
11 110 or 90-foot monopoles would detract greatly of
12 the natural beauty of the canopy.

13 I would like the Council to understand
14 that we choose to exercise that option of the
15 H-frames for our section of the property in which
16 the project impacts. And that would come under --
17 it doesn't come under environmental, it doesn't
18 come under engineering, but it comes under the
19 aesthetics environmental. So we're very proud of
20 our trees around here. Everyone in Connecticut is
21 very funny about their trees. And we are also.

22 The second thing -- and I didn't get to
23 read the part of the application, or I don't have
24 access to it -- the section on access roads.
25 Access roads, we have some on our property

1 already, but we don't have a section to access the
2 access roads, which is our 1,000-foot driveway
3 that's suitable for pedestrian and passenger
4 traffic. And I'm sure in the application there
5 are some places where damage to that property that
6 has to be repaired and usable during construction
7 because that's our only driveway.

8 And with that, I thank you all very
9 much, and I hope you have an enjoyable evening.
10 And thank you again for your service on the
11 Council.

12 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: The next speaker is
13 Roger Guillet.

14 ROGER GUILLET: Good evening, my name
15 is Roger Guillet, G-u-i-l-l-e-t.

16 And my main concern tonight is -- one
17 is the pole. We're going to have a monopole on
18 our property. That would be number 77. And
19 that's going to be 93 feet in height. And as Mr.
20 Calabrese stated, I'm wondering if we can get an
21 H-pole for that section. We own approximately 11
22 and a half acres. We have a 3,000 square foot
23 home that's worth half a million dollars. And
24 with this new line coming through, it's going to
25 depreciate that value of this property very much.

1 Another concern is I spoke with a
2 couple of gentlemen before is when they come in
3 your cut lines go back 45 feet. Now 45 feet is
4 going to go back into our back lawn. All our
5 privacy -- the reason we bought this home is the
6 privacy is unbelievable. I'm approximately 550
7 feet back.

8 And when they do do the cutting, what
9 are they going to leave? Are they going to stump
10 it? Because I had a lot of property. And part of
11 the cutback is going to be in front of the house.
12 And that's really my main concern, what's it going
13 to look like. Is it going to look like a war zone
14 when you people get done?

15 That's all I have to say. Thank you.

16 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: The next speaker is
17 Daniel Seabourne.

18 DANIEL SEABOURNE: I'm Daniel
19 Seabourne. Last name is spelled
20 S-e-a-b-o-u-r-n-e.

21 And my main concern is the right-of-way
22 comes very close to my house. And we're in a
23 situation where pole number 61, I'm concerned
24 about the magnetic field that's going to be coming
25 off of those high-power lines. I have young kids,

1 grandchildren, that are at my house every day.
2 And everything that I read points in the direction
3 of issues, health issues, especially with young
4 children.

5 And I've asked CL&P if they would
6 consider, if they're running this line, to
7 consider using their existing pole, which is away
8 from the house up on a hill, which would mitigate
9 some of the issue, the electronic magnetic issue,
10 but to try to keep it possibly using the same pole
11 that they have now to run past the house.

12 The other issue I have is initially
13 when they thought of putting in this line, they
14 were talking about, I think, a 300 versus the 150
15 when they spoke to us in Thomaston. And I'm just
16 wondering whether or not at the time that they put
17 this line in and the existing wiring that they'll
18 put in, is that going to be capable in two years
19 or five years of being upgraded to a much higher
20 kilovolt line?

21 And that's a big issue for me right
22 now, as I said before, with my grandchildren being
23 there. I'm worried about another 115 line coming
24 close to my house. And I hate to see in a couple
25 of years that they decide to jack it up to 300,

1 which is what they originally had presented to us.
2 So I'm concerned with what kind of safeguards are
3 going to be in there to lock that out from
4 happening in the future. Thank you.

5 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

6 Sebastian Valenti.

7 SEBASTIAN VALENTI: I'm Sebastian
8 Valenti, V-a-l-e-n-t-i. I live at 429 Walnut Hill
9 Road.

10 I'm concerned with pole 62. You said
11 you give it a lot of consideration, but you're
12 putting it right in front of my windows, 100-foot
13 pole right in front of my windows.

14 And just like Danny, I'm also concerned
15 with the magnetic field and health issues and all
16 that and what it has done for my real estate
17 property. I talked to them downtown, and they
18 said, oh, no, no, you're not going to lose no
19 value on your house at all. This sucks the value
20 right out of your house, your property. That's
21 the way I feel.

22 And just like the other guy said, all
23 that included, you know. Right in front of my
24 window you're going to be putting up 100-foot
25 structure. Thank you.

1 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Michael Criss.

2 And that's the last speaker we have
3 signed up. So if anyone else wants to speak,
4 please sign up.

5 Go ahead, Mr. Criss.

6 MICHAEL CRISS: Good evening. Thank
7 you. It's C-r-i-s-s, and it's Michael Criss. I'm
8 the first selectman for the Town of Harwinton.
9 And I've been at most of the hearings for this
10 particular project.

11 My main concern, and I want to stress
12 it again tonight for the Siting Council and my
13 residents, many many of our residents have come in
14 about this project. We understand the need to
15 improve the infrastructure of Eversource and CL&P
16 up through that area and clear the right-of-ways
17 and make it a viable option. However, we want to
18 make sure that there's careful consideration,
19 thoughtfulness and a thorough plan in returning it
20 back to its rural character.

21 Securing the right-of-ways, that has
22 been an ongoing issue when it formerly was CL&P.
23 The right-of-ways get cleared, widened, opened,
24 rock gets dropped, and now these become dragways
25 for quads, dirt bikes and everything else in that

1 area. Many of the brush and burden and everything
2 has been cut back recently all the way through the
3 center of Harwinton and all the way down from the
4 Route 8 corridor, School Hill Road, all the way
5 back up through Wildcat Hill, Plymouth Road,
6 Harmony Hill, and that way. All the right-of-ways
7 have been opened up and the stone has been
8 dropped.

9 So this particular project and as many
10 residents as it affects down in that area, that is
11 a rural area of the Naugatuck River. Harwinton
12 spent a lot of time protecting a lot of the land
13 down there for open space purposes and fishing
14 purposes. And we want to just be -- we want the
15 Siting Council to make sure that they pay close
16 attention to how that property gets returned back
17 to us, and the fact that Eversource takes the
18 necessary means to secure that area to protect it
19 and return it back to those residents that paid
20 top dollar for those houses for rural character
21 and privacy that they've enjoyed all these years.
22 Thank you.

23 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

24 Is there anyone else here this evening
25 who desires to speak?

1 MR. FITZGERALD: I'd like to ask a
2 couple questions.

3 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

4 B R A D L E Y B E N T L E Y ,

5 J A S O N C A B R A L ,

6 M A T T H E W D A V I S O N ,

7 R A Y M O N D G A G N O N ,

8 L O U I S E M A N G O ,

9 C H R I S T O P H E R S O D E R M A N ,

10 having been previously duly sworn, testified
11 further on their oaths as follows:

12 MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you.

13 Mr. Soderman.

14 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Yes.

15 MR. FITZGERALD: You, as the Council's
16 rules require, have calculated what the change in
17 the magnetic field levels along this
18 right-of-way --

19 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: The purpose of
20 these questions is unusual, but the hearing was
21 very quick. And it's really kind of to give you
22 an answer to some of the concerns that the
23 speakers gave to us tonight. So just tune in.
24 Hopefully some of you will have a better feeling
25 when you leave than you had when you came in.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. FITZGERALD: As the Council's rules
3 require, Mr. Soderman, you have calculated what
4 the change will be in the magnetic field levels
5 along the right-of-way, haven't you?

6 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Yes, I have.

7 MR. FITZGERALD: And could you tell us
8 what your projection is with respect to the change
9 from the magnetic field levels before this line is
10 constructed to what they will be after the line
11 has been constructed?

12 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Yes.
13 Particularly --

14 MR. FITZGERALD: I'm sorry. And in
15 particular -- don't give us the whole --
16 particularly in the vicinity of poles 61 and 62.

17 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Those are in
18 the areas of between Purgatory Junction and Walnut
19 Hill Junction in Thomaston. So on the eastern
20 portion of the right-of-way under average annual
21 loads magnetic fields would go from about 6.12
22 milligauss to 3.92 milligauss. So there actually
23 would be a reduction in the magnetic fields as a
24 result of this project. On the west end of the
25 right-of-way the magnetic fields would go from

1 7.27 to 4.23, as a result of this project.

2 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Tell us what the
3 standard is. That's the important thing.

4 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Yes. The
5 standard, as identified by the International
6 Council for Non-ionizing Radiation Protection,
7 otherwise known as ICNIRP, is 2,000 milligauss for
8 exposure to the general public. The other
9 standard that exists out there is from the
10 International Council on Electromagnetic Safety,
11 the ICES, and their guideline is 9,040 milligauss.

12 MR. LYNCH: Mr. Soderman, are those
13 calculations to the edge of the right-of-way, is
14 that what you're saying?

15 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Those
16 calculations that I quoted were at the
17 right-of-way edges, but there are calculations
18 tabulated in the application that go beyond the
19 right-of-way.

20 MR. LYNCH: I just wanted to clarify
21 that.

22 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Yes. All this
23 is included in Section 7 of the application.

24 MR. FITZGERALD: Why do magnetic fields
25 go down rather than up when a new line is added to

1 the right-of-way in this location?

2 THE WITNESS (Soderman): Well, one of
3 the things that the applicant -- we have done is
4 in compliance with the Connecticut Siting
5 Council's Best Management Practices for Electric
6 and Magnetic Fields was as a base design was
7 engaged in what we referred to as optimum phasing
8 where we try and arrange the different phases, the
9 A, B and C phases of the transmission lines, to
10 try and cancel each other out rather than add
11 together. So that's why oftentimes when you're
12 constructing a new transmission line at a corridor
13 with an existing transmission line, you can
14 actually see a reduction in electric and magnetic
15 fields.

16 MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you. That's all
17 the questions that I have. I did want to offer a
18 couple of exhibits.

19 First of all, we've referred to the --
20 or you've referred to a booklet that was handed
21 out as part of the field review. And so I thought
22 perhaps we should give it a number and make it a
23 part of the record.

24 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: That's number 7, I
25 believe.

1 (Applicant's Exhibit II-B-7: Received
2 in evidence - described in index.)

3 MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you. Ms.
4 Bachman, we've got plenty of copies here if you'd
5 like some.

6 MS. BACHMAN: Certainly, Attorney
7 Fitzgerald, if you could provide a copy or a few
8 copies to the Office of Consumer Counsel?

9 MR. FITZGERALD: Right. We'll do that
10 directly. Sure.

11 MS. BACHMAN: Thank you.

12 MR. FITZGERALD: And next, under the
13 circumstances that the hearing has gone as it has,
14 I would like to ask the Council to receive as full
15 exhibits Section 10.3 of the application, which is
16 the nontransmission alternatives section, as
17 Exhibit 4 of Volume 4, which is the London
18 Economics Report, in the absence of an objection.

19 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: I believe, since
20 Consumer Counsel is not here to object, so hearing
21 no objection, it will be so ordered to be
22 admitted.

23 (Exhibit II-B-1, Volume 4 (Exhibit 4):
24 Received in evidence - described in index.)

25 MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you.

1 MS. BACHMAN: Attorney Fitzgerald, I
2 just wanted to ask about Exhibit 5, the direct
3 testimony of Ms. Frayer.

4 MR. FITZGERALD: Oh, yes. No, I don't
5 think I'll offer that. We'll just go with the
6 application and the report covers the bases. I'd
7 rather not put in testimony.

8 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Fine. Very good.

9 MR. FITZGERALD: Perhaps I might ask
10 one more question. There were some understandable
11 questions raised about the condition in which the
12 right-of-way will be left, or to which it will be
13 restored after the work is completed. And I
14 wonder if we could have a very brief explanation
15 of that from either -- do you want to take a crack
16 at that, Louise, or Jason?

17 THE WITNESS (Cabral): All right.

18 MR. FITZGERALD: Jason, why don't you
19 do it.

20 THE WITNESS (Cabral): So, in general,
21 our goal is to return these areas to as
22 preconstruction conditions as possible. Obviously
23 those trees won't be there anymore, but we will
24 leave the corridor in good shape. We do plan on
25 and commit to working with the property owners

1 where there is tree clearing within manicured
2 lawns or lawn areas that we would remove stumps
3 and do other things to work with the property
4 owners to reduce the impacts that the project has.

5 Our plan for access roads is access
6 roads are going to be left permanent, but they
7 will be pulled back in for maintenance. Our work
8 pads around the structures will be left in place,
9 unless requested by a property owner to be
10 removed, and those work pads will be removed, and
11 we will reestablish growth up in that corridor.
12 So when we leave the project, the goal is for it
13 to be as good shape as when the project started.

14 Louise do you want to add anything?

15 THE WITNESS (Mango): I can just talk
16 about that we just recently advertised the
17 interstate project. We're still out there
18 monitoring the restoration of that particular
19 project. And interstate was also in a fairly
20 rural area, so there was a lot of emphasis placed
21 on restoring the right-of-way to the near
22 preconstruction conditions to the extent that was
23 practical and working with landowners. Eversource
24 had a very effective public outreach program
25 wherein the Eversource public outreach personnel

1 discussed particular needs of individual
2 landowners, and if there was a reasonable need for
3 landscaping, they certainly considered that and
4 worked with the landowners for those kinds of
5 things.

6 THE WITNESS (Cabral): One other thing,
7 Tony, to bring up. Our other process, general
8 procedure would be any time that we're putting in
9 a new access road or upgrading an access road off
10 a public street, we would install a gate to help
11 deter that ATV use and things that some of the
12 people brought up. So that would be one of the
13 methods we'd use to try to deter ATVs on the
14 right-of-way.

15 MR. FITZGERALD: Nothing further,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Thank you,
18 Mr. Fitzgerald. Therefore, I'm going to close
19 this hearing on this matter.

20 MR. SEABOURNE: Sir, can I ask a
21 question? They were answering some of our
22 questions, but I didn't hear him answer any
23 question having to do with that the lines they're
24 installing are capable of carrying 300 level
25 versus that 150. And I'd just like to know that

1 because they also made a point of telling what the
2 magnetic field would be on 150 line. And I don't
3 know if they've done any calculations that would
4 have been on the 300 line, which is what
5 Eversource originally had proposed. So I'm just
6 wondering if the lines they're putting up are
7 capable of carrying the higher load.

8 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: I believe they can
9 answer that question for you. It's not -- but go
10 ahead.

11 MR. FITZGERALD: Will the line that is
12 proposed in this proceeding be capable of being
13 operated at 345 kV?

14 THE WITNESS (Bentley): No.

15 THE WITNESS (Cabral): No.

16 MR. FITZGERALD: And this will be for
17 you. There was, once upon a time, a proposal to
18 build a 345-kV line on this right-of-way between
19 North Bloomfield and, I'm sorry, between --

20 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Frost Bridge.

21 MR. FITZGERALD: Frost Bridge to North
22 Bloomfield, correct?

23 THE WITNESS (Bentley): That's correct.

24 The original genesis of some of the studies came
25 from the NEEWS set of projects, and that project

1 was known as the Central Connecticut Reliability
2 Project that would have proposed a new 345-kV line
3 to go through that right-of-way.

4 MR. FITZGERALD: Now this is a
5 different project altogether, isn't it?

6 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Yes. So this
7 area has been restudied, analyzed to the current
8 conditions, and the proposed project is a 115-kV
9 project between Frost Bridge and Campville.

10 MR. FITZGERALD: Just to be clear,
11 you're not saying, Mr. Bentley, are you, that
12 Eversource will never in the future propose to
13 build a 345-kV line on this right-of-way, right?

14 THE WITNESS (Bentley): That's correct.

15 MR. FITZGERALD: But as of today, are
16 there any plans to do so in the foreseeable -- or
17 within the planning horizon?

18 THE WITNESS (Bentley): That's correct,
19 there's no current plans at ISO New England to
20 build additional infrastructure in this
21 right-of-way. But however, as you mentioned, as
22 conditions change, we have an obligation to study
23 the system and meet any reliability criteria that
24 is identified. So the future can hold what it can
25 hold, and we'll have to make use of appropriate

1 studies and recommendations at that time.

2 MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you. That's all
3 we have.

4 MR. LYNCH: Mr. Bentley, for the
5 general public, could you please explain what ISO
6 New England is and what their process is?

7 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Sure. ISO New
8 England is the regional reliability organization
9 that is responsible for analyzing the system and
10 being the coordination for all of New England with
11 regards to reliability and looking at system needs
12 and making sure that those system needs are
13 identified, proposed solutions are identified and
14 recommended to be built by the local utilities.

15 The ISO New England stands for
16 Independent System Operator of New England. They
17 hold public meetings where it's called the
18 Planning Advisory Committee, whereby these studies
19 are put forth to the public, and those needs and
20 solutions are put out there for review,
21 stakeholder comment, and can be identified for the
22 public to respond to.

23 From that, the ISO New England has an
24 obligation to meet the reliability standards and
25 through these recommended solutions. So the

1 Independent System Operator is really the core
2 group in New England to do that.

3 MR. LYNCH: Thank you.

4 MR. FITZGERALD: Now we're through.

5 THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Now I guess we're
6 ready to close.

7 Before closing this hearing, the
8 Connecticut Siting Council announces that briefs
9 and proposed findings of fact may be filed with
10 the Council by any party or intervenor no later
11 than March 31, 2016. The submission of briefs or
12 proposed findings of fact are not required by this
13 Council, rather we leave it to the choice of the
14 parties and intervenors.

15 Anyone who has not become a party or
16 intervenor, but who desires to make his or her
17 views known to this Council, may file written
18 statements with the Council within 30 days hereof.

19 The Council will issue draft findings
20 of fact, and thereafter parties and intervenors
21 may identify errors or inconsistencies between the
22 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
23 However, no new information, no new evidence, no
24 new argument, and no reply briefs, without our
25 permission, will be considered by this Council.

1 I hereby declare this hearing closed.
2 And I wish everyone a safe trip home. Thank you.
3 (Whereupon, the witnesses were excused
4 and the above proceedings adjourned at 7:12 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 28 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original stenotype notes taken of the Continued Council Meeting in Re: DOCKET NO. 466, APPLICATION FOR THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE FROST BRIDGE TO CAMPVILLE 115-KILOVOLT 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-KILOVOLT 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-KILOVOLT 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-KILOVOLT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE, which was held before SENATOR JAMES J. MURPHY, JR., Vice Chairman, at the Northfield Volunteer Fire Department, 12 Knife Shop Road, Litchfield, Connecticut, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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Lisa L. Warner, L.S.R., 061

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