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August 5, 2016

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MBB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 468** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

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

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Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State (via e-mail service)
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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 22, 2016, beginning with an evidentiary session at 3:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 7:00 p.m., at the Bethel Municipal Center, General Purpose Room, 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project. The 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 7:00 p.m. public comment session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors may resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed project on Thursday, September 22, 2016, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., 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 September 15, 2016. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

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



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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 Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, 06051, on or before September 15, 2016.

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

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 hearing. 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 hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Clerk's Office of the Town of Bethel, City of Danbury, and Town of Brookfield for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by September 15, 2016.

The applicant is represented by the following:

Applicant

Its Representative

The Connecticut Light & Power Company
d/b/a Eversource Energy

Brian T. Henebry, Esq.
Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP
P.O. Box 1110
Waterbury, CT 06721-1110

A copy of the application 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 <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 468.

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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Commissioner Steven Reviczky
Department of Agriculture

Acting Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Chairman Arthur House
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Catherine Smith
Department of Economic and
Community Development

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

Robert Bruno, Director of Planning,
Engineering & Environmental
Connecticut Airport Authority

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director
Connecticut Airport Authority

Todd Levine
Historian/Environmental Reviewer
State Historic Preservation Office

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

Tracy Babbidge, Bureau Chief
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced application. Your response on or before September 15, 2016 would be appreciated.

You may access the application and other documents for this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings."

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The Honorable Matt Knickerbocker
First Selectman
Town of Bethel
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

RE: **Hearing Date** – September 22, 2016 in connection with **DOCKET NO. 468** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

Dear First Selectman Knickerbocker:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your municipality in connection with the above-referenced application. 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. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the public hearing that is scheduled on September 22, 2016, at the Bethel Municipal Center, General Purpose Room, 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut.

After an application is filed with the Council, a public inspection of the proposed project and at least one public hearing are held in the county to hear concerns from residents. The municipality's participation at the public hearing may take many forms. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary portion of the public hearing, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session of the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council at any time before, during or within 30 days after the close of the public hearing.

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Sincerely,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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The Honorable Steven Dunn
First Selectman
Town of Brookfield
100 Pocono Road
Brookfield, CT 06804

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The Honorable Mark Boughton
Mayor
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

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Dear Mayor Boughton:

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Janet Beote
beotej@bethel-ct.gov

RE: **DOCKET NO. 468** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

Dear Ms. Beote:

Confirming our e-mail correspondence of July 26, 2016, I appreciate the reservation of the General Purpose Room at the Bethel Municipal Center for a public hearing on September 22, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 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,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary II

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Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

X
Table
for
Court
Reporter
& Audio
Tech
(x =
chairs)
X

Party Table
(seating for
four)
(x = chairs)

X
X
X
X

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

X X X X X

Podium for
public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)



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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
468160805
The News Times
333 Main St.
Danbury, CT 06810

FROM: Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary II 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 468** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

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
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