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July 21, 2017

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 474** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation.

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

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c: Secretary of the State
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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 hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, beginning with an evidentiary session at 3:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m., at the Newington Town Hall, Auditorium, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, Connecticut.

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 6:30 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 Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 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 August 15, 2017. 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.

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 August 15, 2017.

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 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 will be made and deposited with the Clerk's Offices of the City of Hartford, Town of West Hartford, and the Town of Newington for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by August 15, 2017.

The applicant is represented by the following:

Applicant

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

Its Representative

Anthony M. Fitzgerald, Esq.
Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey
LLP
195 Church Street
P.O. Box 1950
New Haven, CT 06509

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 Matters." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 474.

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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee
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Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino
Department of Public Health

Chairman Katie Dykes
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Commissioner Catherine Smith
Department of Economic and
Community Development

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

Todd Levine
Historian/Environmental Reviewer
State Historic Preservation Office

Commissioner Steven Reviczky
Department of Agriculture

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

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

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Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced application. Your response on or before August 15, 2017 would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the application is pending until the evidentiary record closes.

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

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 21, 2017

TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
474170721
The Hartford Courant
285 Broad St.
Hartford, CT 06115

FROM: Lisa A. Mathews, Office Assistant ^{lm}

RE: **DOCKET NO. 474** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation.

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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Jane Kallinich
Administrative Assistant for the Town Manager
Town of Newington
131 Cedar Street
Newington, CT 06111

RE: **DOCKET NO. 474** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation.

Dear Ms. Kallinich:

Confirming our telephone conversation of June 22, 2017, I appreciate the reservation of the Auditorium/Council Chambers at the Newington Town Hall for a public hearing on August 22, 2017, 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,

Lisa A. Mathews
Office Assistant

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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 X
(seating for X
four) X
(x = chairs) 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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The Honorable Roy Zartarian
Mayor
Town of Newington
131 Cedar Street
Newington, CT 06111

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Dear Mayor Zartarian:

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Sincerely,

Robert Stein
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The Honorable Shari Cantor
Mayor
West Hartford Town Hall
50 South Main Street, Room 313
West Hartford, CT 06107-2431

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