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> Hearing Program Docket No. 470 Thursday, November 3, 2016 11 a.m. Hearing Room 1 Ten Franklin Square New Britain, Connecticut

I. Opening by Council

- A. Statement read by Chair.
- B. Comments by Public Official(s) (if any)
- C. Motions
 - 1. Request from the Sierra Club for Party and CEPA Intervenor Status, dated October 25, 2016
 - 2. Sierra Club Request for Pre-filed Administrative Notice Items, dated October 27, 2016
 - 3. Request from the Connecticut Fund for the Environment for Party Status, dated October 26, 2016
 - 4. Connecticut Fund for the Environment Motion to Dismiss NTE's Application with a Memorandum of Law in Support, dated November 2, 2016.
 - NTE Connecticut, LLC's Objection to Connecticut Fund for the Environment's Motion to Dismiss NTE's Application, dated November 3, 2016
 - 5. Request from the Wyndham Land Trust, Inc., for Party and CEPA Intervenor Status, dated October 27, 2016
 - 6. NTE Connecticut, LLC's Motion for Protective Order regarding Responses 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 11 to NAPP's Interrogatories, dated October 27, 2016
 - 7. NTE Connecticut, LLC's Appeal of and Responses to the Municipal Regulate and Restrict Orders, dated October 27, 2016
 - 8. NAPP's Request for Clarification Regarding the November 3, 2016 Evidentiary Hearing Procedures, dated October 31, 2016
 - 9. NAPP's Motion for Stay and/or to Dismiss the Application of NTE Connecticut, LLC in Docket No. 470, dated November 1, 2016.
 - NTE Connecticut, LLC's Objection to NAPP's Motion for Stay and/or to Dismiss the Application of NTE Connecticut, LLC in Docket No. 470, dated November 2, 2016
 - 10. NAPP's Motion to Further Extend the Pre-filed Testimony Deadline of NAPP's Energy Needs Expert, dated November 2, 2016
- D. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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- E. State Agency comments
 - 1. Department of Transportation, dated September 15, 2016
 - 2. Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section, dated October 24, 2016
- F. Municipal comments
 - 1. Pomfret Conservation Commission, dated August 14, 2016
- G. Public Official Comments
 - 1. State Senator Mae Flexer, dated October 20, 2016
 - 2. State Representative Danny Rovero, dated October 25, 2016

II. Appearance by Applicant

Applicant:NTE Connecticut, LLCRepresentatives:Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.

Earl W. Phillips, Jr., Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP

A. Administrative Notice.

- 1. ISO-New England -2016 Regional Electricity Outlook (https://www.iso-<u>ne.com/static-assets/documents/2016/03/2016_reo.pdf)</u>.
- ISO-New England The Transformation of the New England Power System: Infrastructure Needs and Market Implications, September 28, 2016 (<u>https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2016/09/gvw_nec 9 28 2016.pdf</u>).
- 3. ISO-New England -Master Forward Capacity Auction #11 Schedule, Revised August 6, 2015.
- PowerMarketsToday ISO-NE tells FERC gas situation OK this winter, October 21, 2016 (<u>http://www.powermarketstoday.com/public/ISONE-tells-FERC-gas-situation-OK-this-winter.cfm</u>).
- ISO-New England State of the Grid: Managing a System in Transition, January 21, 2015 (https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2015/01 /stateofgrid_presentation_01212015.pdf).
- 6. ISO-New England ISO-NE Capacity Auction Secures Sufficient Power System Resources, At a Lower Price, for Grid Reliability in 2019-2020, February 11, 2016 (https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2016/02/20160211_fca10_initialresul_final.pdf).
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- 8. ISO-New England Overview of the Forward Capacity Market ("FCM").
- 9. ISO-New England Introduction to ISO New England, October 1,2015.
- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - 1. Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need filed by NTE Connecticut, LLC, received August 17, 2016, and attachments and bulk file exhibits including:

Bulk file exhibits:

- a. Technical Report, dated May 3, 2016
- b. Town of Killingly Zoning Regulations
- c. Town of Killingly Plan of Conservation and Development
- d. Town of Killingly Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations
- 2. NTE's Affidavit of Publication, dated August 24, 2016
- 3. NTE's Redacted Option Agreement, dated August 25, 2016
- 4. NTE's Option Agreement (subject to Protective Order dated September 15, 2016), dated August 29, 2016
- 5. NTE's Notification Pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50/(e) Pre-Application Municipal Consultation, dated September 1, 2016
- 6. NTE's Environmental Justice Plan Submission and DEEP Approval, dated September 28, 2016
- 7. NTE's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set I, dated October 7, 2016
- 8. NTE's Response to Council Interrogatory # 68, dated October 13, 2016

- 9. NTE's Proposed Site Walk Plan, dated October 13, 2016
- 10. NTE's Updated "Attachment 7" to the Notification Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50/(e) Pre-application Municipal Consultation, dated October 13, 2016
- 11. NTE's Sign Posting Affidavit, dated October 13, 2016
- 12. NTE's Power Point Presentation from the October 20, 2016 Public Comment Session, dated October 24, 2016
- 13. NTE's Witness Resumes, received October 27, 2016
 - a. Mark Mirabito
 - b. Tim Eves
 - c. Michael Bradley
 - d. Chris Rega
 - e. Lynn Gresock
 - f. Frederick Sellars
 - g. Norm Thibeault
 - h. George Logan
 - i. Ethan Paterno
 - j. Mason Smith
 - k. Scott Hesketh
 - l. Gary Fuerstenberg
 - m. James Walsh
 - n. Kevin Fowler
- 14. NTE's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set II, dated October 27, 2016
- 15. NTE's Appeal of and Responses to the Municipal Regulate and Restrict Orders, dated October 27, 2016
- 16. NTE's Redacted Responses to Not Another Power Plant's (NAPP) Interrogatories, dated October 27, 2016
- 17. NTE's Motion for Protective Order Regarding Responses 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 11 to NAPP's Interrogatories, Protective Order, Non-Disclosure Agreement, Affidavit of Mark Mirabito and Affidavit of Ethan Paterno, dated October 27, 2016
- 18. Tetra Tech Memorandum to James Grillo, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Regarding Additional Killingly Energy Center Updates, dated November 2, 2016
- C. Swear Witnesses
 - 1. Mark Mirabito, Vice President, NTE Connecticut, LLC
 - 2. Tim Eves, Senior Vice President, NTE Energy Services Company, LLC
 - 3. Michael Bradley, Senior Vice President, NTE Energy Services Company, LLC
 - 4. Chris Rega, SVP, NTE Energy Services Company, LLC
 - 5. Lynn Gresock, Vice President Energy Department, Tetra Tech
 - 6. Frederick Sellars, Vice President, Tetra Tech
 - 7. Norm Thibeault, Principal/Partner, Killingly Engineering Associates
 - 8. George Logan, Principal Environmental Scientist/Senior Ecologist, REMA Ecological Services
 - 9. Ethan Paterno, Managing Consultant, PA Consulting
 - 10. Mason Smith, Managing Consultant, PA Consulting
 - 11. Scott Hesketh, Manager of Transportation Engineering
 - 12. Gary Fuerstenberg, Senior Project Manager/Senior Geotechnical Engineer, Haley and Aldridge
 - 13. James Walsh, Project Manager and Supervising Engineer, Mott McDonald
 - 14. Kevin Fowler, Senior Acoustic Engineer, Tetra Tech
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
 - 2. NAPP (Attorney Bashaw)
 - 3. Town of Killingly (Mr. Hendricks)

III. Appearance by Party and CEPA Intervenor:

Not Another Power Plant (NAPP)

Representatives:

John Bashaw, Esq. Mary Mintel Miller, Esq. Reid and Riege, P.C.

- A. Administrative Notice.
 - 1. Vision 2020 The Next Ten Years, The Last Green Valley, Inc., 2010
 - 2. Feasibility Evaluation for New Industrial Park Location, Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut, prepared for the Town of Killingly by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., October 2014
 - 3. DEEP Press Release (Oct. 25, 2016) DEEP Announces Action on Energy Procurement RFP's: Natural Gas RFP Canceled Clean Energy Projects Selected to Move to Next Stage, October 25, 2016
 - 4. Town of Killingly, Zoning Regulations, *available at* <u>http://www.killingly.org/planning-development/pages/killingly-town-zoning-regulations</u>
 - 5. Town of Killingly, Regulations for the Protection and Preservation of Inland Wetlands and Watercourses, *available at* <u>http://www.killingly.org/inland-wetlands-watercourses-commission/pages/inland-wetlands-watercourses-regulations</u>
- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - 1. NAPP's Request for Party and CEPA Intervention Status, dated September 14, 2016
 - 2. NAPP's List of Members, dated October 13, 2016
 - 3. NAPP's Prefiled Testimony, dated October 27, 2016
 - a. Testimony of Karen Johnson, NAPP Member
 - b. Testimony of Jason Anderson, NAPP Member
 - c. Testimony of Charlotte Desautels, NAPP Member
 - d. Testimony of Carolyn Johnston, NAPP Member
 - 4. Map of Surrounding Power Plants and Other Major Air Sources (Northeast CT)
- C. Swear Witnesses
 - 1. Karen Johnson, NAPP Member
 - 2. Jason Anderson, NAPP Member
 - 3. Charlotte Desautels, NAPP Member
 - 4. Carolyn Johnston, NAPP Member
 - 5. Robert Fagan, Synapse Energy Economics
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

- 1. Council
- 2. NTE Connecticut, LLC (Attorney Baldwin)
- 3. Town of Killingly (Mr. Hendricks)

IV. Appearance by Party:

Town of Killingly

Representative

Sean Hendricks Town Manager

- A. Administrative Notice.
- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - 1. Town of Killingly Request for Party Status, dated September 15, 2016
 - TRC Environmental Corporation's Recommendations for CSC Conditions and Third Party Document Review with Killingly Energy Center's Response to the Third-Party Document Review attached, submitted October 13, 2016
 - 3. Town of Killingly Planning and Zoning Commission Order of Regulations and Restrictions Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50x, dated October 12, 2016
 - 4. Town of Killingly Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Order of Regulations and Restrictions Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50x, dated October 12, 2016.
- C. Swear Witnesses
 - 1. Carl Stopper, TRC Environmental Corporation
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
 - 2. NTE Connecticut, LLC (Attorney Baldwin)
 - 3. NAPP (Attorney Bashaw)
- V. Closing/Continuation by Connecticut Siting Council.