



August 26, 2015

Mr. Robert Stein, Chair  
CT Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Via FedEx

**Re: Docket 461: Proposed Eversource Substation at 290 Railroad Ave. - Greenwich, CT**

Dear Mr. Stein:

I am writing this letter to strongly oppose the above-noted project. I have two unique qualifications for this opinion:

1. I am the Contract Vendee to purchase the adjacent building at 330 Railroad Avenue (ironically from Eversource)
2. I am the Founder and Managing Principal of the largest architectural firm in the town of Greenwich

Regarding the first: Railroad Avenue is a thriving neighborhood in the heart of downtown Greenwich. There has been a recent addition of an Equinox Health Club, new apartment buildings, high-end restaurants and renovated office buildings. All of these have contributed to a "renewal" of this part of town, with a subsequent increase in property values. The existing Eversource substation at 330 Railroad Avenue is an eyesore. I plan on adding a lot of landscape screening around the fenced area, but it is impossible to hide it completely. The thought of yet another substation right across the street is appalling. I feel very strongly that this is not the right part of Town for Eversource to build another substation.

On the second point above: The current proposed design of the new Eversource substation is abominable. It is completely out of character with the neighborhood, has zero architectural merit and the thought of me looking out the window of my new building at this horrific structure is nauseating. I have taken the liberty of preparing a rendering (attached) of a design I feel would look good on the site. If the substation must be built (and I hope not), then at least it should have some architectural merit and add to the appeal of the neighborhood.

I plan on attending the public hearing on September 1 and look forward to a further dialog on the proposed Eversource substation. **Please consider this letter as my request to be named as a Party to the public field review on 9/1.**

Sincerely,

Richard S. Granoff, AIA, LEED AP  
Founder + Managing Principal





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