

<p>DOCKET NO. 461 - Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements.</p>	<p>} } }</p>	<p>Connecticut Siting Council May 12, 2016</p>
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Decision and Order

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-50p and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion for Eversource Energy’s application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements (GSLP), the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that the public need for the GSLP has not been adequately demonstrated. Furthermore, the Council finds there are detrimental effects associated with the construction of the GSLP Preferred Route, Northern Alternative, and Southern Alternative, including effects on the natural environment; ecological integrity and balance; forests and parks; scenic, historic, and recreational values; air and water purity; fish and wildlife; and public health and safety that are disproportionate alone and cumulatively with other effects compared to need, and are in conflict with the policies of the State concerning the natural environment.

Furthermore, the Council finds that the electric transmission line facility portion of the GSLP Preferred Route, Northern Alternative and Southern Alternative will not serve the interests of electric system economy, is not the most cost effective and the most appropriate alternative based on a life cycle cost analysis of the facility and is inconsistent with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Guidelines for the Protection of Natural, Historic, Scenic and Recreational Values in the Design and Location of Rights-of-Way and Transmission Facilities. Additionally, the Council did not receive adequate information during the course of the proceeding to make an informed decision regarding the public need and nature of the probable environmental impact of the GSLP Hybrid Alternative. Therefore, at this time, the Council denies without prejudice a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the GSLP.

We hereby direct that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order be served on each person listed in the Service List, dated February 1, 2016, and notice of issuance published in The Greenwich Time.

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.



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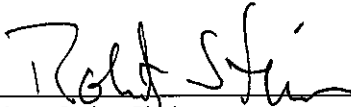
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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby certify that they have heard this case, or read the record thereof, in **DOCKET NO. 461** - Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements, and voted as follows to deny without prejudice the proposed project:

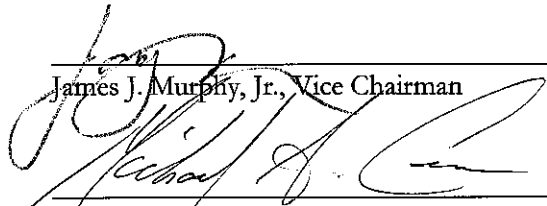
Council Members

Vote Cast



Robert Stein, Chairman

Yes



James J. Murphy, Jr., Vice Chairman

Yes

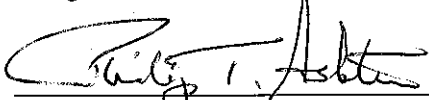
Chairman Arthur House
Designee: Michael Caron

No



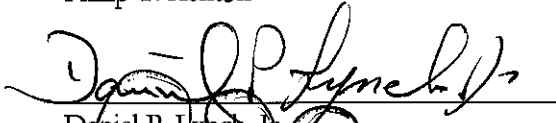
Commissioner Robert Klee
Designee: Robert Hannon

No



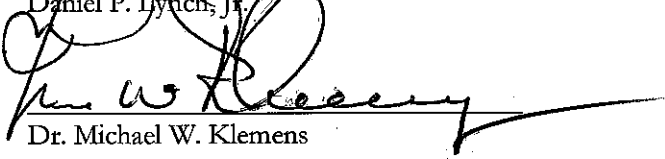
Philip T. Ashton

Yes



Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Abstain



Dr. Michael W. Klemens

Yes



Michael Harder

Abstain

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, May 12, 2016.