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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 466** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project that traverses the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, and Harwinton, 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 10.4 miles between Eversource's existing Frost Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and existing Campville Substation in the Town of Harwinton; (b) related modifications to Frost Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and (c) reconfiguration of a 0.4 mile segment of two existing 115-kV electric transmission lines across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of Litchfield and Harwinton within the same existing right-of-way as the new 115-kV electric transmission line.

I. Introduction

The application is from Eversource Energy (Eversource) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kV Transmission Line Project. The project consists of the construction of a new 10.4-mile 115-kV overhead electric transmission line within an existing Eversource right-of-way between Eversource's Frost Bridge Substation in Watertown and its Campville Substation in Harwinton. The project also includes modifications to both substations, the expansion of the Campville Substation and the reconfiguration of a 0.4-mile section of two existing transmission lines that cross the Naugatuck River in Litchfield and Harwinton. The project would traverse the Towns of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, and Harwinton. The Towns of Watertown and Plymouth are within 2,500 feet of the proposed project.

II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility* dated April 2010, and includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. The project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the Litchfield County Times on December 11 and 18, 2015, the Waterbury Republican-American on December 15 and 17, 2015, and Torrington Register Citizen on December 15 and 19, 2015. An electric customer bill insert describing the proposed project was included in one or more monthly bills to each CL&P customer within the vicinity of the project for one or more months not earlier than 60 days prior to the filing of its application with the Council.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing in the county in which the facility or any part thereof is to be located not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, opening the evidentiary session of the public hearing on February 23, 2015 in New Britain, holding a public field review, continued evidentiary session and public comment session in the Town of Litchfield on March 1, 2016, and depositing the transcript in the town/city halls of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, Harwinton, Waterbury and Plymouth.

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Enclosure: Schedule