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TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MAB*

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.

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

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Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State (via e-mail service)
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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public evidentiary hearing session on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the office of the Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, in Hearing Room One. The hearing will be on an application from The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy 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.

The public hearing will continue on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, beginning at 3:30 p.m., and continued at 6:30 p.m., at the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company, Catlin Community Room, 12 Knife Shop Road, Litchfield, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary.

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 3:30 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 6:30 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed project on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, beginning at 1:00 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.



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The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by February 16, 2016. 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 February 16, 2016.

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 not a party or intervenor to the proceeding 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(s) will be made and deposited with the Clerk's Office of the Town of Litchfield, Town of Harwinton, Town of Watertown, Town of Thomaston, Town of Plymouth, and the City of Waterbury for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by February 16, 2016.

The applicant is represented by the following:

Applicant

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

Its Representative

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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 Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 466.