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January 22, 2016

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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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee
Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection

Commissioner Steven Reviczky
Department of Agriculture

Acting Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Chairman Arthur House
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Catherine Smith
Department of Economic and
Community Development

Thomas A. Harley, P.E., Chief Engineer
Bureau of Engineering and Construction
Department of Transportation

Robert Bruno, Director of Planning,
Engineering & Environmental
Connecticut Airport Authority

Commissioner Dora B. Schriro
Department of Emergency Services
and Public Protection

Daniel Forrest
Director of Arts & Historic Preservation
State Historic Preservation Office

Todd Levine
Historian/Environmental Reviewer
State Historic Preservation Office

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director
Connecticut Airport Authority

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced application. Your response on or before February 23, 2016 would be appreciated.

You may access the application and other documents for this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings."

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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

Anthony M. Fitzgerald
Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP
195 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06509

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.

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Leo Paul, Jr.
First Selectman
Town of Litchfield
4 West Street
Litchfield, CT 06759

RE: **Hearing Date – March 1, 2016**, in connection with **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.

Dear First Selectman Paul:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your municipality in connection with the above-referenced application. Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50m, at least one hearing session shall be held at a location selected by the Council in the county in which the facility or any part thereof is to be located after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the public hearing that is scheduled on March 1, 2016, at the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company, 12 Knife Shop Road, Litchfield, Connecticut.

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Sincerely,

Robert Stein
Chairman

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Neil O'Leary, Mayor
City of Waterbury
235 Grand Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06702

RE: **Hearing Date** – March 1, 2016, in connection with **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.

Dear Mayor O'Leary:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for the above referenced matter. The City of Waterbury is within 2,500 feet of the proposed project. Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50(b) requires applicants to provide notice and serve a copy of the application on municipalities within 2,500 feet of a proposed project. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing for this proceeding that is scheduled in the Town of Litchfield on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company, 12 Knife Shop Road, Litchfield, Connecticut.

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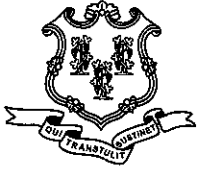
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David V. Merchant, Mayor
Town of Plymouth
80 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786

RE: **Hearing Date** – March 1, 2016, in connection with **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.

Dear Mayor Merchant:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for the above referenced matter. The Town of Plymouth is within 2,500 feet of the proposed project. Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50(b) requires applicants to provide notice and serve a copy of the application on municipalities within 2,500 feet of a proposed project. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing for this proceeding that is scheduled in the Town of Litchfield on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company, 12 Knife Shop Road, Litchfield, Connecticut.

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Tomas L. Winn, Chairman
Watertown Town Council
Town of Watertown
424 Main Street
Watertown, CT 06795

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Dear Chairman Winn:

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Edmond V. Mone
First Selectman
Town of Thomaston
158 Main Street
Thomaston, CT 06787

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Michael R. Criss
First Selectman
Town of Harwinton
P.O. Box 66
Harwinton, CT 06791

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
466160122
Republican-American
P.O. Box 2090
Waterbury, CT 06722

FROM: Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary II *CM*

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.

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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Michael Berry, Chief
Northfield Volunteer Fire Company
mjberrysr@optonline.net

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Dear Chief Berry:

Confirming our telephone conversation of January 12, 2016, I appreciate the reservation of the Catlin Community Room at the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company for a public hearing on March 1, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary II

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Enclosure (1)

Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

X
Table
for
Court
Reporter
& Audio
Tech
(x =
chairs)
X

Party Table
(seating for
four)
(x = chairs)

X
X
X
X

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

X X X X X

Podium for
public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)