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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 468** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield, 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 3.4 miles between Eversource's existing Plumtree Substation in the Town of Bethel to its existing Brookfield Junction in the Town of Brookfield; (b) reconfiguration of two existing 115-kV double-circuit electric transmission lines at Eversource's existing Stony Hill Substation in the Town of Brookfield; and (c) related substation modifications.

I. Introduction

The application is from Eversource Energy (Eversource) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project. The project consists of the construction of a new 3.4-mile 115-kV overhead electric transmission line within an existing Eversource right-of-way between Eversource's Plumtree Substation in Bethel and Brookfield Junction in Brookfield. The project also includes modifications to Plumtree Substation as well as improvements to the Stony Hill Substation and connecting transmission lines in Brookfield. The project would traverse the municipalities of Bethel, Danbury, and Brookfield.

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 § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the Danbury News-Times on June 10 and June 16, 2016.

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, holding a public field review, a evidentiary session and public comment session in the Town of Bethel on September 22, 2016, and depositing the transcript with the Clerk's Office of the Town of Bethel, City of Danbury, and Town of Brookfield.

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Enclosure: Schedule