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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 474** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Greater Hartford-Central Connecticut Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Hartford, West Hartford, and Newington, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource, Amtrak and public road rights-of-way and associated facilities extending overhead approximately 2.4 miles and underground approximately 1.3 miles between Eversource's existing Newington Substation in the Town of Newington and existing Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford; (b) modifications to a .01 mile section within existing Eversource right-of-way of the existing overhead 115-kV electric transmission line connection to the Newington Substation (Newington Tap); and (c) related modifications to Newington Substation and Southwest Hartford Substation.

I. Introduction

The application is from The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kilovolt transmission line over approximately 3.7 miles from Newington Substation in the Town of Newington through the southeastern portion of the Town of West Hartford to reach Southwest Hartford Substation in the City of Hartford, Connecticut. The project would also consist of related modifications and improvements to existing facilities.

II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility* dated February 2016, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed preferred and alternate routes, 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 Hartford Courant and the West Hartford News on May 4, 2017 and May 11, 2017. Electric customer bill insert describing the proposed project was included in one or more monthly bills to each Eversource customer within the three municipalities 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 located not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends holding the public hearing in the Town of Newington on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, and depositing the transcript in the Newington and West Hartford Town Halls and the Hartford City Hall.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule