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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.

The Connecticut Siting Council has scheduled a field review for this docket for August 22, 2017 beginning promptly at 1:30 p.m. **Council Members should meet at the Newington Town Hall Lower/West Parking Lot (near the Police Station), 131 Cedar Street*, Newington at 1:15 p.m. for bus transportation to and along the project route and the All-Underground Alternative Route.**

Please be advised that bus transportation will be provided for the Council and parties and intervenors to the proceeding only. Other interested persons may follow the field review route depicted on the map/directions in their own vehicles.

***The Town Hall Parking Lot is located off of Garfield Street and cannot be accessed directly from Cedar Street. Use 100 Garfield Street if using GPS.**

A public hearing is scheduled for August 22, 2017 beginning with **an evidentiary session at 3:00 p.m. and a public comment session at 6:30 p.m.** in the Auditorium at the Newington Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street, Newington.

Attachment: Field Review Route Directions

- c: Secretary of the State
- Parties and Intervenors (via e-mail service)
- BCT Reporting LLC (via e-mail service)
- Pryme Tyme Entertainment (via e-mail service)

MB/MP/lm

TOUR AGENDA: GHCCRP

1:00 pm

NEWINGTON: Begin tour at Newington Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street. Depart to Newington Substation.

PROPOSED ROUTE (UNDERGROUND/OVERHEAD CONFIGURATION)

Municipality/ Map No.	Location
NEWINGTON	
1 of 4:	Newington Substation; enter substation via existing access off Cherry Hill Road. Note location of Proposed Route, as well as proposed modifications to substation and Newington Tap.
	Exit Newington Substation, turning west onto Cherry Hill Road, south onto Quincy Lane (view to east of substation and Newington Tap), and then east onto Thornton Drive (homes back up to Newington Tap right-of-way [ROW]), to Reservoir Road (view of Newington Substation and Newington Tap looking to the north), to Barnard Road and then to Avery Road.
	Avery Road north to east on Cherry Hill Road, and then south on West Hartford Road. Eversource property on east.
	West Hartford Road to east on West Hill Road, then north on State Route 173 (Willard Avenue) ¹
2 of 4	State Route 173 (Willard Avenue) to Spring Street. Spring Street route alternative. Stop at intersection of Spring Street and Willard Avenue to view transition station and Eversource ROW.
	State Route 173 north to Shepard Drive; stop at Shepard Steel property to view proposed transition structure site on west side of Amtrak ROW.
WEST HARTFORD	
2 of 4	State Route 173 north (parallels Proposed Route along Amtrak ROW) to east on New Britain Avenue (State Route 509), and then north on New Park Avenue.
3 of 4	New Park Avenue to CTfastrak parking area south of Trout Brook.
3 of 4	New Park Avenue to south on Oakwood Avenue (stop at Amtrak ROW crossing), to Tolles Street to north on Newfield Avenue.
HARTFORD	
3 of 4	Newfield Avenue; stop at church lot to view Amtrak ROW.
3 of 4	Newfield Avenue to west on Flatbush Avenue (pause to view Amtrak ROW from Flatbush Avenue overpass), then north on New Park Avenue to Bow Tie Cinema.
4 of 4	Stop at Bow Tie Cinema parking lot to view proposed transition structure location.
4 of 4	North from Bow Tie Cinema parking lot onto New Park Avenue to South West Hartford Substation.

¹ Note: State Route 173 is referred to as Willard Avenue in the Town of Newington and as Newington Road in the Town of West Hartford.

ALL-UNDERGROUND ROUTE ALTERNATIVE

STARTING AT SOUTHWEST HARTFORD SUBSTATION

Municipality/ Map No.	Location
HARTFORD	
4 of 4:	Southwest Hartford Substation south along New Park Avenue.
WEST HARTFORD	
3 of 4	New Park Avenue to east on Talcott Road.
	Talcott Road to South Quaker Lane.
	South on South Quaker Lane. Stop at Beachland Park; view Trout Brook crossing along alternate route.
	Continue south along South Quaker Lane to Burgoyne Street, to Elmwood Community Center (stop/turn around at community center).
	South Quaker Lane to east on New Britain Avenue (State Route 509), and then south on State Route 173 (Newington Road).
2 of 4	Newington Road to east on Sampson Road.
	Sampson Road to south on West Hartford Road.
NEWINGTON	
1 OF 4	West Hartford Road to Cherry Hill Road to Newington Substation.

RETURN TO NEWINGTON TOWN HALL.