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Hearing Program
Docket No. 470C
Tuesday, April 1, 2025
2:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.

I. Opening by Council

A. Statement read by Chair Designate

B. Motions

1. Windham Energy Center, LLC Motion for Protective Order – Responses to Interrogatory Nos. 9 and 11 – Option Agreements Financial Terms, dated March 21, 2025.

C. Administrative Notice taken by Council

FEDERAL

1. United States Energy Information Administration, *Levelized Cost and Levelized Avoided Cost of New Generation Resources in Annual Energy Outlook 2022*, March 2022, available at https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/pdf/electricity_generation.pdf
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4. ISO-New England, Inc., *2023 Regional System Plan*, November 1, 2023, https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/100005/20231114_rsp_final.pdf
5. ISO-New England, Inc., *Regional System Plan Project List*, October 2024, available at <http://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/system-plans-studies/rsp>
6. ISO-New England, Inc., *2024-2033 Forecast Report of Capacity, Energy, Loads & Transmission (CELT)*, revised May 17, 2024, available at <https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/system-plans-studies/celt>
7. ISO-New England, Inc., *ISO New England's Internal Market Monitor 2023 Annual Markets Report*, May 24, 2024, available at <https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/100011/2023-annual-markets-report.pdf>

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9. ISO-New England, Inc., *New England's Forward Capacity Auction Closes with Adequate Power System Resources for 2027/2028*, February 9, 2024, available at https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/100008/20240209_pr_fca18_initial_results.pdf
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13. Connecticut Siting Council, *White Paper on the Security of Siting Energy Facilities*, October 8, 2009, available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/Dockets-and-Other-Pending-Proceedings/Dockets300-400/docket_346/whitepprFINALpdf.pdf
14. Connecticut Siting Council, *2022 Analysis of Life-Cycle Costs of Electric Transmission Lines*, January 5, 2023, available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/1_Dockets-medialibrary/LifeCycle/2022LifeCycle/Lifecycle2022finalmemoandreport_s.pdf
15. Connecticut Siting Council, Docket No. 470B – NTE Connecticut, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Reopening of this application based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Record, Final Decision and Development and Management Plan, available at https://portal.ct.gov/csc/1_applications-and-other-pending-matters/applications/3_docketnos400s/docket-no-470b-ntekillingly
16. Connecticut Siting Council, Docket No. 527 - Windham Energy Center, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 325-megawatt battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut, and associated

electrical interconnection, available at https://portal.ct.gov/csc/1_applications-and-other-pending-matters/applications/4_docketnos500s/docket-no-527

17. Connecticut Siting Council, Docket No. 470C - NTE Connecticut, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 650-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut. Certified Mailing Return Receipts for Connecticut Secretary of the State; NTE Energy Services Company, LLC and NTE Energy, LLC; Delaware Department of State, Division of Corporations; Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations; Graham Jesmer, Esq., ISO – New England, Inc.; Thomas O. Lemon, Esq., Eversource Energy Service Company; and NTE Connecticut, LLC.

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

18. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, *2018 Comprehensive Energy Strategy for Connecticut*, February 8, 2018, available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/energy/CES/2018ComprehensiveEnergyStrategypdf.pdf>
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25. Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, 2022 *Connecticut Public Utility Annual Cybersecurity Report*, March 31, 2023 available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/PURA/electric/2022-Connecticut-Public-Utility-Annual-Cybersecurity-Report.pdf>
26. *Corcoran v. Conn. Siting Council*, 284 Conn. 455 (2007).
27. *Woodbridge Newton Neighborhood Env't Trust, et al v. Conn. Siting Council*, 2024 Conn. LEXIS 163 (2024)

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28. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, *National Electrical Safety Code*, American National Standards Institute, Standard C2-2023, February 1, 2023.
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30. United States Army Corps of Engineers, *Regional Permits for the State of Connecticut*, Effective Date December 15, 2021, Expiration Date December 15, 2026, available at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/Permits_and_Licenses/Land_Use_Permits/LWRD/USACEctGeneralPermit2021.pdf

MAPS

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33. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, *Connecticut Northern Long-eared bat Observations by Town*, last updated July 24, 2023, available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/nddb/nolongearedbat-map.pdf>
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37. Connecticut Department of Transportation - Connecticut Official State Maps, available at https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/PP_Bureau/Documents/Maps
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II. Appearance by Moving Party

Windham Energy Center, LLC (WEC)

Representative:

Emilee Mooney Scott, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP

A. Administrative Notice.

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B. Exhibits for Identification.

1. Motion to Reopen and Modify the Council's June 7, 2019 final decision to issue a Certificate to NTE Connecticut, LLC for the construction, maintenance and operation of a natural gas-fueled electric generating facility at 180 and 189 Lake Road in Killingly, Connecticut specifically limited to a determination as to the status of the existing Certificate based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b), received November 25, 2024, and attachments.
2. Correspondence Regarding Efforts to Contact NTE, dated January 29, 2025
3. Sign Posting Affidavit, dated March 19, 2025
4. Responses to Council Interrogatories, dated March 19, 2025
5. Supplemental Response to Council Interrogatory No. 17, dated March 27, 2025
6. Signed Protective Order – Responses to Interrogatory Nos. 9 and 11 – Option Agreements Financial Terms, dated April 1, 2025.

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Kenneth Baldwin, Esq., Robinson & Cole, LLP, Windham Energy Center, LLC
2. Zvi Nixon, Esq., E. Landau Law Offices, Sunflower Sustainable Investments, Ltd.

D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council

2. Certificate Holder
3. Grouped Parties
 - a. Not Another Power Plant (NAPP)
 - b. Sierra Club
 - c. Wyndham Land Trust
4. Town of Killingly
5. CT Fund for the Environment

III. Appearance by Certificate Holder:

NTE Connecticut, LLC (NTE)

Representatives:

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
Earl W. Phillips, Jr., Esq.
Jonathan Schaefer, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP

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C. Swear Witnesses

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IV. Appearance by Grouped Parties:

Not Another Power Plant (NAPP)
Sierra Club (SC)
Wyndham Land Trust (WLT)

Representatives:

John Bashaw, Esq.
Mary Mintel Miller, Esq.
Reid and Riege, P.C.

Joshua Berman, Esq., Sierra Club
Diana Agnes Csank, Esq., Sierra Club

A. Administrative Notice.

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B. Exhibits for Identification.

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C. Swear Witnesses

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D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

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V. Appearance by Party:

Town of Killingly (Town)

Representatives:

Richard P. Roberts, Esq.
Ann Catino, Esq.
Halloran & Sage LLP

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VI. Appearance by Party:

Connecticut Fund for the Environment
(CFE)

Representatives:

Katherine M. Fiedler, Esq.
Roger Reynolds, Esq.
Connecticut Fund for the Environment

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VII. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.