

In The Matter Of:
*Application from the Connecticut Light & Power
Company d/b/a Eversource Energy*

*Hearing Docket No. 466
February 23, 2016*

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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT

2 CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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4 Docket No. 466

5 Application from the Connecticut Light & Power
6 Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate
7 of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for
8 the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-Kilovolt
9 Electric Transmission Line Project That Traverses
10 the Municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston,
11 Litchfield and Harwinton, Which Consists of (A)
12 Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a New
13 115-Kilovolt Overhead Electric Transmission Line
14 Entirely Within Existing Eversource Right-of-Way
15 and Associated Facilities Extending Approximately
16 10.4 Miles Between Eversource's Existing Frost
17 Bridge Substation In the Town of Watertown and
18 Existing Campville Substation In the Town of
19 Harwinton; (B) Related Modifications to Frost
20 Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and
21 (C) Reconfiguration of a 0.4 Mile Segment of Two
22 Existing 115-Kilovolt Electric Transmission Lines
23 Across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of
24 Litchfield and Harwinton within the same Existing
25 Right-of-Way as the New 115-Kilovolt electric
Transmission Line

17 Siting Council Meeting held at the
18 Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square,
19 New Britain, Connecticut, Tuesday, February 23,
20 2016, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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22 H e l d B e f o r e :

23 ROBIN STEIN, Chairman
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1 THE CHAIRMAN: So I'm going to call
2 to order the meeting on Docket 466, today Tuesday,
3 February 23, 2016, at approximately 2 p.m. Again,
4 my name is Robin Stein, Chairman of the Siting
5 Council.

6 Other members of the Council
7 present are Vice Chairman James Murphy;
8 Mr. Hannon, designee from the Department of Energy
9 and Environmental Protection; Mr. Levesque,
10 designee from the Public Utilities Regulatory
11 Authority; and Mr. Lynch. Members of the staff
12 present are Attorney Melanie Bachman, our
13 Executive Director, Staff Attorney; and
14 Mr. Mercier, our siting analyst.

15 This hearing is held pursuant to
16 the provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut
17 General Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
18 Procedure Act upon an Application from the
19 Connecticut Light & Power company d/b/a Eversource
20 energy for a certificate of environmental
21 compatibility and public need for the Frost Bridge
22 to Campville 115-kilovolt electric transmission
23 line project that traverses the municipalities of
24 Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield and Harwinton,
25 which consists of, A, construction, maintenance

1 and operation of a new 115-kilovolt overhead
2 electric transmission line entirely within
3 existing Eversource's right-of-way and associated
4 facilities extending approximately 10.4 miles
5 between Eversource's existing Frost Bridge
6 substation in the town of Watertown and existing
7 Campville substation in the town of Harwinton, B,
8 related modifications to Frost Bridge substation
9 and Campville substation, and C, reconfiguration
10 of a 0.4 mile segment of two existing 115-kilovolt
11 electric transmission lines across the Naugatuck
12 River in the towns of Litchfield and Harwinton
13 within the same existing right-of-way as the new
14 115-kilovolt electric transmission line.

15 This application was received by
16 the Council on December 23rd, 2015. As a reminder
17 to all, off-the-record communication with a member
18 of the Council or a member of the Council staff
19 upon the merits of this application is prohibited
20 by law.

21 The parties and intervenors of the
22 proceeding are as follows. For CL&P d/b/a
23 Eversource Energy, Attorney Fitzgerald is their
24 representative. And the Office of Consumer
25 Counsel, Attorney Bidra is the OCC's

1 representative.

2 We will proceed in accordance with
3 the prepared agenda, copies of which are available
4 here. Also available are copies of the Council's
5 Citizen Guide to Siting procedures over on that
6 table near the door. A verbatim transcript will
7 be made of this hearing and deposited with the
8 Towns of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield,
9 Harwinton, Plymouth and the City of Waterbury
10 Clerk's Office for the convenience of the public.

11 We have one motion. The Council
12 received a motion for a protective order from
13 Eversource Energy dated February 19, 2016.

14 Attorney Bachman, do you wish to
15 comment?

16 MS. BACHMAN: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman.

18 On February 19th the applicant
19 Eversource Energy filed a motion for protective
20 order for the ISO needs and solutions studies that
21 were conducted in our part of this project. Those
22 studies contained critical energy infrastructure
23 information of the independent system operator,
24 and I therefore recommend that the motion for
25 protective order be granted.

1 SEN MURPHY: Move approval, Mr.
2 Chairman.

3 MR. HANNON: Second.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is
5 seconded. Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing and seeing
8 none, all those in favor signify by saying, aye.

9 THE COUNCIL: Aye.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, abstention?

11 (No response.)

12 THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

13 I wish to call your attention to
14 those items shown on the hearing program as Roman
15 numeral 1D, items 1 through 72.

16 Does the applicant or any party
17 intervener have an objection to the items the
18 Council has administratively noticed?

19 MR. FITZGERALD: No objection from
20 the applicant.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing and seeing
22 none, these items will be administratively
23 noticed.

24 Attorney Fitzgerald, will you
25 present your witness panel for the purpose of

1 taking the oath?

2 THE WITNESS (Granoff): Yes, Mr.
3 Chairman. I neglected to have them bring little
4 signs with them, so I'll just introduce them
5 before they're sworn. You know Dr. Mezei from the
6 current proceeding. Also Mr. Soderman from the
7 current proceeding, Mr. Gagnon.

8 Ms. Mango sitting next to
9 Mr. Gagnon you know from the prior proceedings,
10 being it's environmental, the environmental
11 consultant, or one of the environmental
12 consultants in this project. On the end here is
13 Bradley Bentley who is the head of the Eversource
14 Planning Department.

15 And between Ms. Mango and
16 Mr. Soderman is Jason Cabral from Burns &
17 McDonnell who is serving as project manager on
18 this project.

19 And with that, I'd ask them to rise
20 so that they can be sworn.

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1 BRADLEY BENTLEY,
2 JASON CABRAL,
3 RAYMOND GAGNON,
4 LOUISE MANGO,
5 GABOR MEZEI,
6 CHRISTOPHER SODERMAN,

7 called as witnesses, being first duly sworn
8 by the Executive Director, were examined and
9 testified on their oaths as follows:

10 THE CHAIRMAN: I will continue by
11 numbering the exhibits of your filings and your
12 request to administratively notice the documents,
13 and verify the documents please.

14 MR. FITZGERALD: Right. Well, the
15 program lists as Exhibit 1, the application. I'm
16 going to in the few moments, when the witnesses
17 have been sworn, ask them to sponsor the various
18 sections of the application under oath so that it
19 can be admitted as a full exhibit.

20 Then the bulk file exhibits that
21 follow the A through J are just matters of record,
22 which I think can be accepted as exhibits for what
23 they are, without being sponsored under oath. So
24 might I suggest that I'll ask the questions that
25 are necessary to bring the application in as full

1 exhibit and then all of number one could be
2 accepted after that.

3 Mr. Cabral and Mr. Gagnon, did you
4 supervise the preparation of the formal
5 requirements section of the application as well as
6 sections 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11 and 12 of volume 1 of
7 the project drawings and maps, and volume 5?

8 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason
9 Cabral. Yes, I did.

10 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Ray Gagnon.
11 Yes, I did.

12 MR. FITZGERALD: And are the
13 statements and representations in those sections
14 of the application true and correct to the best of
15 your knowledge and belief?

16 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason
17 Cabral. Yes, with one minor exception. Table
18 3-2, which is marked volume 1, section 3, had a
19 couple of the existing structure heights
20 inaccurately listed. And the correct table has
21 been provided in the prefiled testimony for
22 Raymond -- Ray Gagnon and myself.

23 MR. FITZGERALD: Mr. Gagnon?

24 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Yes, they
25 are with the exception of what Jason just covered.

1 MR. FITZGERALD: Okay. Ms. Mango,
2 did you supervise the preparation of executive
3 summary of the application sections five and six
4 of volume one, and the environmental exhibits
5 provided in volume three?

6 THE WITNESS (Mango): Louise Mango.
7 Yes, I did, working in conjunction with Matthew
8 Davison, who will be a witness later on.

9 MR. FITZGERALD: And are the
10 statements and representations in those sections
11 of the application true and correct to the best of
12 your knowledge and belief?

13 THE WITNESS (Mango): Yes, except
14 for more minor variations to wetland impacts which
15 are also presented in the direct testimony of
16 myself and Matthew Davison.

17 MR. FITZGERALD: Okay.
18 Mr. Bentley, did you supervise the preparation of
19 section 2 of volume one of the application,
20 section 10 of volume one with the exception of
21 10.3, and the assembly of materials in volume 4
22 except for the report of the London economics?

23 THE WITNESS (Bentley):
24 Bradley Bentley. Yes, I did.

25 MR. FITZGERALD: And did you also

1 supervise the assembly of the so-called CEII
2 appendix?

3 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Yes, I did.
4 Brad Bentley.

5 MR. FITZGERALD: And are the
6 statements and representations in those sections
7 of the application and the related exhibits true
8 to the best of your knowledge and belief?

9 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Yes, but I
10 do have one correction. On page 2-9 of volume 1
11 of the application the first bulleted item in the
12 list of major 115-kV lines that feed the northwest
13 Connecticut subarea set, that there are 3 lines
14 from Southington substation.

15 The number stated should be two
16 lines, as indicated by the fact that only two
17 lines are listed.

18 MR. FITZGERALD: And Mr. Chairman,
19 I ask that -- oh, I'm sorry. There's a little
20 more.

21 Mr. Soderman, did you prepare
22 section 7 of volume 1 of the application with the
23 exception of appendix 7D, which is Dr. Mezei's
24 report on health effects research?

25 THE WITNESS (Soderman):

1 Christopher Soderman. Yes, I did.

2 MR. FITZGERALD: And are the
3 statements and representations in those sections
4 of the application true and correct to the best of
5 your knowledge and belief?

6 THE WITNESS (Soderman):

7 Christopher Soderman. They are.

8 MR. FITZGERALD: Dr. Mezei, did you
9 prepare the report on the EMF health effects
10 research that is included in the application as
11 appendix 7D.

12 THE WITNESS (Mezei): Gabor Mezei,
13 yes.

14 MR. FITZGERALD: And are the
15 statement and representations in those sections of
16 the application true and correct?

17 THE WITNESS (Mezei): Yes.

18 MR. FITZGERALD: And do you have
19 any additions or corrections to make to them.

20 THE WITNESS (Mezei): No.

21 MR. FITZGERALD: That takes care of
22 everything in the application except for the
23 report of London economics association -- I'm
24 sorry, the London economics non-transmission
25 alternatives which will be sponsored by Ms. Frayer

1 at a later date.

2 So I would ask that with that
3 exception the application and the CEII appendix
4 that was filed with the motion for protective
5 order be accepted as full exhibits.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

7 Is there any objection by the one
8 party to the motion of the applicant's exhibits.

9 (No response.)

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing and seeing
11 none, the exhibits are admitted.

12 MR. FITZGERALD: And -- oh, I'm
13 sorry. Shall I go onto the interrogatories?

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

15 MR. FITZGERALD: Item two on the
16 agenda are applicant's responses to the Council's
17 interrogatories.

18 Mr. Gagnon and Ms. Mango, were you
19 responsible for the collection and the provision
20 of the answers to those interrogatories?

21 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Ray Gagnon.

22 Yes, I was.

23 THE WITNESS (Mango): Louise Mango,
24 yes.

25 MR. FITZGERALD: And Mr. Cabral?

1 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason

2 Cabral. Yes, I was.

3 MR. FITZGERALD: And is the
4 information in those interrogatory responses true
5 and correct to the best of your knowledge and
6 belief?

7 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Ray Gagnon.
8 Yes, it is.

9 THE WITNESS (Mango): Louise Mango.
10 Yes, it is.

11 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason
12 Cabral, yes.

13 MR. FITZGERALD: Move Exhibit 2 as
14 a full exhibit.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection?
16 (No response.)

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing and seeing
18 none, it's admitted.

19 MR. FITZGERALD: Item number three
20 is the direct testimony prefiled of Raymond
21 Gagnon, Bradley Bentley and Jason Cabral.
22 Gentleman, did you supervise the preparation of
23 that testimony?

24 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Brad
25 Bentley, yes. Yes, I did.

1 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Ray Gagnon.

2 Yes, I did.

3 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason

4 Cabral. Yes, I did.

5 MR. FITZGERALD: And is the
6 information in there true and correct to the best
7 of your knowledge and belief?

8 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Bradley

9 Bentley. Yes, it is.

10 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Ray Gagnon.

11 Yes, is it.

12 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason

13 Cabral. Yes, it is.

14 MR. FITZGERALD: Do you have any
15 corrections or additions to make to it?

16 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Brad

17 Bentley, no.

18 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Ray Gagnon,

19 no.

20 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason

21 Cabral, no.

22 MR. FITZGERALD: Item four is the
23 direct testimony of Louise Mango and Matthew
24 Davison. Ms. Mango, did you supervise that, the
25 preparation of that testimony -- actually, did you

1 prepare that testimony along with Mr. Davison?

2 THE WITNESS (Mango): Louise Mango.

3 Yes, I did.

4 MR. FITZGERALD: And is it true and
5 correct?

6 THE WITNESS (Mango): Yes, it is.

7 MR. FITZGERALD: Do you have any
8 additions or clarifications to make?

9 THE WITNESS (Mango): I do not.

10 MR. FITZGERALD: Item five is the
11 direct testimony of Julia Frayer, which we're
12 going to leave aside for the moment. And I would
13 ask that items two three four -- or Exhibits 2, 3,
14 and 4 for identification be admitted as full
15 exhibits.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any
17 objection?

18 (No response.)

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing and seeing
20 none, they are admitted.

21 MR. FITZGERALD: And I will ask
22 each of the members of the panel if their resumes
23 were provided, and the resume volume pertaining to
24 each of you are true and correct?

25 THE WITNESS (Bentley): Bradley

1 Bentley. Yes, it is.

2 THE WITNESS (Gagnon): Ray Gagnon.

3 Yes, it is.

4 THE WITNESS (Mango): Louise Mango.

5 Yes, it is.

6 THE WITNESS (Cabral): Jason

7 Cabral. Yes, it is.

8 THE WITNESS (Soderman):

9 Christopher Soderman. Yes, it is.

10 THE WITNESS (Mezei): Gabor Mezei.

11 Yes, it is.

12 MR. FITZGERALD: And I would ask
13 that those resumes in volume six be admitted as
14 full exhibits.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection?

16 (No response.)

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing and seeing
18 none, they are admitted.

19 MR. FITZGERALD: And that is all we
20 have at this time, Mr. Chairman.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

22 The Council announces that it will
23 continue this public hearing on Tuesday March 1st,
24 2016, at the Northfield Volunteer Fire Department
25 at 12 Knife Shop Road in Litchfield, Connecticut

1 beginning with a field review of the project at
2 1 p.m, continuation of the evidentiary session at
3 3:30 p.m., and a public comment session beginning
4 at 6:30 p.m.

5 Please note that anyone who has not
6 become a party or intervener, but who desires to
7 make his or her views known to the Council may
8 file a written statement with the Council until
9 the record closes. Again, copies of the
10 transcript of this hearing will be filed with the
11 Towns of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield,
12 Harwinton, Plymouth and the City of Waterbury's
13 clerk's offices.

14 And I hereby declare this hearing
15 466 closed. Thank you all for your participation.

16 (Whereupon, the witnesses were
17 excused, and the above proceedings were concluded
18 at 2:19 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 21 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the Siting Council Meeting in Re: Docket No. 466, 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 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-KILOVOLT 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-KILOVOLT 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-KILOVOLT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE, which was held before ROBIN STEIN, Chairman, at the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, Tuesday, February 23, 2016.



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