

Connecticut Siting Council

Petition 1566

Objections to Council Proceedings and scheduling of motions.

Request for Immediate Hearing

August 7, 2023

Objections

The Council has made a mockery out of the public participation and party status process by showing obvious preferential treatment toward the petitioner and bias towards parties to this proceeding and we object.

Facts in support of the objection

On July 18, 2023 the petitioner filed a request for extension of time to answer discovery with no notification to this party and the Council on the same day granted the extension with no prior notice to this party and no opportunity to object.

On July 26, 2023 the petitioner filed a second request for extension of time to answer discovery with no notification to this party and the on the same day the Council granted the extension with no notice at all provided, to this party and no opportunity to object.

Both items are procedural motions, filed illegally, in which this party was denied notification and participation, yet the Council took action on the same day as the petitioner requested the action.

On July 31, 2023 when this party filed a procedural motion for a scheduling conference, with notice to the petitioner, the Council took no action and did not even acknowledge the motion as being filed. This motion includes a request for a continued discover period due to the granting of the time extensions by the Council.

This party on July 31, 2023 filed a second motion with the Council which was a request for an investigation into false statements made by the Council Executive Director. The Council scheduled this motion to come before the Council 30 days out and gave the petitioner notice to comment and object.

The Council takes immediate action on motions filed by the petitioner yet when we file a motion the Council delays action on one motion for 30 days and never even acknowledges the second motion.

The Council Executive Director pulled the same stunt on our previously filed motions / petitions for participation in the proceedings and request for a hearing by also scheduling them 30 days out. With these previous motions the Executive Director

manipulated the Council scheduling of proceedings so that as Attorney for the Council she would be able to advise the Council that they could not legally provide us a public hearing even if the Council wanted to do so because of regulatory time frames. Our request for the Council to investigate this abuse of power and false statements submitted to the Council has been well documented.

We view this treatment by the Council as nothing more than a continued attempt run out the 180 regulatory time clock and limit this party's involvement in petition 1566 proceedings by deliberate manipulation of the law, the filing of false statements concerning what our complaints are about by the Executive Director, and now delay, delay, delay.

The Council Executive Director when granting us party status stated that the Council was providing us the right to *"submit written interrogatories to Eversource for further explanation and clarification on concerns jurisdictional to the Council"*. We submit these interrogatories, all of which were directly related to the *"proposed"* work and Eversource refuses to answer half of them after being granted two-time extensions by the Council. In refusing to answer questions the petitioner usurped the Council authority by refusing to answer questions based upon their interpretation of the limits on our party status. This determination is the exclusive authority of the Council not the petitioner. When the interrogatories were filed, the Council made no ruling that any of the questions asked were outside the scope of the party status granted, hence we deem the questions to be appropriate to the proceedings.

The petitioner also failed to certify the answers provided were made under oath as required by Council regulations. Council regulations discuss how parties to a proceeding are supposed to be able to question the petitioner about answers provided during discover and how the petitioner is supposed to testify under oath about the answers provided however no such proceedings are scheduled.

The Council provided us with the right to ask questions of Eversource to get *"further explanation and clarification on concerns jurisdictional to the Council"* Eversource refuses to answer those questions effectively negating the right granted to us by the Council and the Council remains silent on the issue and then has the arrogance to ignore our motion for a procedural conference so that these issues can be brought out in the public light.

The proceedings in petition 1566 to date are a prime example of the obvious corruption that has infested this Council.

The Council is provided 180 days to investigate the petition and its environmental impacts, yet the Council Executive Director has utilized her official position to cover up the illegal work contained in the petition and cover up the environmental impacts that this petition will have on our property and other property owners along this transmission line. The Council is supposed to make a fact-based decision on the petition, yet the

present record is overwhelmed with false statements, lies, and obvious illegal work that is just being ignored and pushed aside like it does not exist.

We object to this entire sham of a so-called fact-based review process. We have clear and convincing evidence the petition contains illegal work and will do additional serious environmental damage to our property, and everyone wants to just shut us up, shove the issues under the rug, manipulate the process so that none of this is brought out in the public light, and run out the time clock so the Council can rubber stamp anything Eversource wants to do. This entire process is nothing more than letting the fox guard the hen house.

When the Council approves petitions and the petitioner grossly deviates from the petition and in doing so does extensive environmental damage with no consequences or accountability for their actions, and the Council Executive Director covers all this up for the petitioner, this is not Council oversight and protecting the environment, this is nothing more than an expensive sick joke being played on the public. This is not oversight it is corruption.

Motions

We request that both the motions be filed by us on July 31, 2023 be identified separately and brought before the full Council as soon as possible so that appropriate scheduling of future Council proceedings in this petition can be done in a timely manner. Considering that the procedural conference agenda contains a request for discussion about scheduling of additional discovery and relieving the Executive Director from further participation in Petition 1566 proceedings for her official misconduct, we believe that these motions should take priority and that our motions be heard as soon as possible.

We request that the failure to answer interrogatories, delay in recognizing motions, delay in scheduling motions be added to the procedural conference agenda previously provided.

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Certification

I hereby certify that an electronic copy of the forgoing document was delivered to

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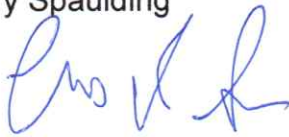
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