

Connecticut Siting Council

Petition 1566

Objection

Siting Council Denial of Party Access to Pertinent Documents for the
August 31, 2023 Scheduled Council Hearing.

August 28, 2023

Objection

On August 22, 2023 parties to petition 1566 Cory Spaulding and Leslie Yeisley requested access to the draft staff report for the 8/31/23 Council meeting. We as parties to the petition felt that we should be provided access to all relevant documents pertaining to this petition when they are submitted to the Council.

Considering that we have accused Attorney Bachman in a previous staff report of submitting false information to the Council for the 8/22/23 Council meeting we felt that our request for access to the draft staff report for the 8/31/23 meeting to be of particular relevance to us as parties.

On 8/23/23 we received a denial of our request for access to this document citing FOIA exemptions. In our request for access to documents we never mentioned FOIA yet our request was denied based upon FOIA. Our request was based upon being a party to the petition.

Our request for access to the draft staff report was under the belief that we were legally entitled to access to the document and that fairness in the proceedings would be best served if we as parties to the petition knew what the staff recommendations were so that we as a party to the case would be able to review the staff recommendations prior to the hearing and express objections, request clarifications, or suggest corrections during the discussion portion of the hearing should we deem it necessary to do so.

As parties to this petition, we object to the denial of access to pertinent records as being prejudicial and feel that our ability to participate as a party to the petition has been compromised.

Cory Spaulding

Leslie Yeisley

Certification

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

The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy at
deborah.denfeld@eversource.com

56 Prospect Street Hartford CT.

Attention Deborah Denfeld Team Lead – Transmission Siting Eversource
Energy P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141 Phone: (860) 728-4654

Cory Spaulding



Leslie Yeisley



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 23, 2023

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request, dated August 22, 2023

Dear Cory Spaulding and Leslie Yeisley:

The Connecticut Siting Council is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 22, 2023 requesting "a copy of all correspondence sent to the Siting Council members for the August 31, 2023 scheduled meeting. This request is to specifically include all staff reports or draft staff reports submitted to the Council."

Please be advised that a preliminary draft of a memorandum prepared by a member of the staff of a public agency, which is subject to revision prior to submission to or discussion among the members of the agency is exempt from public disclosure under Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b)(1) and §1-210(e)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Draft staff reports for the scheduled Council meeting will be available for public inspection on August 31, 2023 at the following webpage link:

<https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/Common-Elements/v4-template/Council-Activity>.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/laf

c: Petition No. 1566 Service List, dated June 22, 2023
Council Members

Connecticut Siting Council

8/22/23

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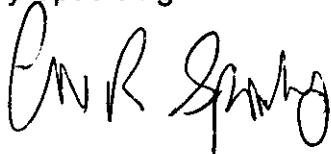
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