

Major Transmission Project Proposed For Greenwich, CT

The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) is participating in the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) proceeding concerning the application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (CL&P) for approval of a \$140 million transmission project in Greenwich, CT. The case is Docket No. 461, and the case record may be viewed at:

http://www.ct.gov/csc/cwp/view.asp?a=962&Q=567664&PM=1.

Unlike most transmission projects, this one is not a regional project; it is a local project in aid of distribution within Greenwich. Unlike most transmission projects, this one, for the most part, does not require approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Because it is a local project, a much greater percentage of the cost would be paid for by CL&P ratepayers.

Proposed project construction features include horizontal directional drilling under route I-95, under the Metro-North Railroad, and through a body of water in Greenwich's Bruce Park. The two proposed 115 kilovolt lines would be undergrounded. The proposal also includes a new substation in Greenwich. At a hearing held in Greenwich on September 1, 2015, many of the public speakers had negative comments on the proposal.

The next hearing date scheduled in the case is December 1, 2015. The hearing will be held at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT at 11:00 a.m. in Hearing Room One.