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March 31, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director ^{MAB}

RE: **PETITION NO. 1218** - PSEG Power Connecticut LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 485 megawatt (MW) dual fuel combined-cycle electric generating facility at the existing Bridgeport Harbor Station located at 1 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The petition is from PSEG Power Connecticut, LLC (PSEG) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 485 megawatt (MW) dual fuel combined-cycle electric generating facility at 1 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. PSEG filed this petition pursuant to CGS § 16-50k(a) that makes the project eligible for approval by declaratory ruling because it is proposed at a site where an electric generating facility operated prior to July 1, 2004. The proposed project would be located adjacent to an existing coal-fired electric generating facility at Bridgeport Harbor Station, which has been operating to supply electric power since 1957 and would be retired by July 1, 2021 if the proposed project receives all necessary permits and approvals. The proposed electric generating facility would utilize natural gas as the primary fuel and ultra-low sulfur diesel as the secondary fuel.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council's *Guide for Petition for a Declaratory Ruling* dated September 2012 and includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The petition meets statutory technical requirements for processing the petition. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-39 have been fulfilled.

IV. Procedural

The Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on March 31, 2016. The Council must appoint a custodian of the petition and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Lisa Mathews as custodian of the petition, holding the public hearing in the City of Bridgeport on Thursday, May 5, 2016 and depositing the transcript in the Bridgeport City Hall.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule

SCHEDULE

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Petition Received	03/09/2016
Completeness review	03/31/2016
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	04/07/2016
• Set-One responses due	04/28/2016
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	04/13/2016
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	04/21/2016
Pre-filed testimony due	04/28/2016
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	04/28/2016
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	05/05/2016
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	05/05/2016
Close of Record	06/06/2016
Draft Findings of Fact	06/09/2016
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	06/23/2016
Deadline for Decision	08/30/2016

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