

DATE: August 7, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 364** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV substation located at 325 Waterford Parkway North, Waterford, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from The Connecticut Light and Power Company for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new bulk-power 115-kV to 23-kV electrical substation in the Town of Waterford, Connecticut.

The substation would be located on CL&P property to the north of Waterford Parkway North and to the east of Oil Mill Road. This substation would add distribution capacity to serve the growing electric power demands in the Town of Waterford, as well as portions of adjacent towns. The substation would connect to an existing 115-kV transmission circuit located to the north of the subject property. Access to the substation site would be from Waterford Parkway North.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-501, this project is exempt from the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board RFP for alternatives process because it is an electrical substation.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the *New London Day* on May 22 and 29, 2008.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Waterford on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Waterford Town Hall and the East Lyme Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	06/06/08
Completeness review	08/07/08
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	08/11/08
• Set-One responses due	08/25/08
• Set-Two Filed	08/29/08
• Set-Two responses due	09/12/08
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	08/27/08
Pre-filed testimony due	09/16/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/16/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	09/23/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	09/23/08
Close of Record	10/23/08
Draft Findings of Fact	11/13/08
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	12/03/08
Deadline for Decision	12/03/08
180-day extension date	06/01/09

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

c: Lisa Fontaine, Connecticut Siting Council