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Connecticut Siting Council Process for an Electric Transmission Line

The process for a utility to receive approval to build(site) or rebuild an electric transmission line in a Municipality.

Pre-Application Process

Municipal Consultation

- Background information on the proposed project and technical reports concerning the public need, the site selection process and the environmental effects of the proposed project will be provided to the Town or City CEO. This filing is referred to as the Municipal Consultation Filing or MCF.
- The Town/City may conduct public hearings and meetings as necessary for it to advise UI of its recommendations concerning the proposed project.
- After the MCF has been provided to the Town/City, UI will hold a virtual open house for customers to learn more about the project and how it might impact them.
- Within 60 days of receipt of the MCF, the Town/City is to give any recommendations it may have about the project to UI.

Notice Requirements

- Each UI customer in the Project area will receive information about the project in their UI bill prior to the filing with the Siting Council.
- Notice about the project will be published in local area newspapers at least twice prior to the filing of the application.
- Affected community groups in the project area will receive notice about the application. These groups will include environmental groups, trail organizations, historic preservation groups, water companies, etc.

Application Process

- The application to the Siting Council will contain information on topics such as the project's technical specifications, explanation of why the proposed project is needed, and all applicable environmental assessments, among others.
- At the time the application is filed with the Siting Council copies will also be provided to the Town/City CEO and various municipal agencies (e.g., zoning and planning commission). Copies will also be sent to various state agencies.
- Copies of the materials provided to the Town/City during the municipal consultation period and any recommendations received from the Town/City will be provided to the Siting Council after the application is filed.
- After the project application is filed, the Siting Council will review the application and issue interrogatories and hold public hearings on the application. In addition to evidentiary hearings, the CSC will hold at least one public hearing during which the public and municipal officials will be provided time to make statements about the project.
- The Council must render a decision on the project no later than 12 months from receipt of the application.
- As part of the application, UI will pay a fee to be deposited in a Municipal Participation Account to defray expenses incurred by each municipality that participates in the application proceeding as a party.

For more information on the Connecticut Siting Council visit: portal.ct.gov/CSC

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