

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

JOINT MEETING

TOWN COUNCIL

and

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Roll Call
  3. Presentation by CMEEC and Electric Division representatives regarding possible re-powering of the Alfred L. Pierce Station – Public Utilities Commission
  4. Discussion and action by the Public Utilities Commission directing staff to finalize contracts with CMEEC for the re-powering of the Alfred L. Pierce Station for presentation and approval at the P.U.C. meeting of January 3, 2006 – Public Utilities Commission
  5. Discussion and action by the Town Council regarding approval of a motion to encourage the drafting of contracts with CMEEC for the re-powering for the Alfred L. Pierce Station. Said contracts to be presented at the January 10, 2006 Town Council meeting – Public Utilities Commission
  6. If necessary, a Joint Executive Session pursuant to 1-200 (6)(E) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding evaluations for the prospective public supply contract.
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December 9, 2005

Wallingford Town Council  
Wallingford, CT 06492

ATTN: James Vumbaco, Chairman

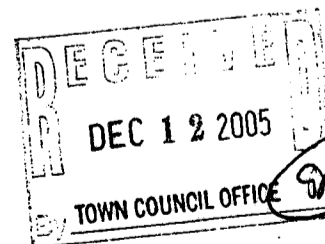
Dear Council Members:

Attached please find a letter to property owners neighboring the Pierce  
Generating Station. The letter invites them to attend the Special Meeting on  
December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

William W. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mayor

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Attachment





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December 5, 2005

Dear Neighbor:

The Town of Wallingford, Department of Public Utilities, in conjunction with the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative ("CMEEC"), the Town's energy supplier, is proposing to repower the Alfred L. Pierce Station located at 195 East Street. The Alfred L. Pierce Station is the three-story structure, which was formerly the generating station operated by the Town of Wallingford Electric Division, between the years of 1953 and 2000.

In the late 1990's, the Town leased a portion of this land to Wallingford Energy LLC. Wallingford Energy operates a peak shaving generating facility at the rear of the property behind the large wall facing East Street. The new, proposed power project will not be associated with the Wallingford Energy operation.

On Tuesday, December 20, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission, in conjunction with the Wallingford Town Council, will hold a public discussion on the project being proposed by CMEEC. This project will be totally within the existing building at 195 East Street. The only change in physical appearance to the building shall be a new exhaust stack, to be constructed approximately forty feet above the existing building height, exiting the tallest tier of the three level building. The unit would be a peak shaving power facility estimated to run approximately five hundred hours per year, helping the Town and the region to satisfy electric power supply requirements during high load conditions.

The proposed electric generator will be designed to run on dual fuel (natural gas and fuel oil), relying primarily on natural gas and only using fuel oil during periods of lack of natural gas supply. This condition would typically occur during extremely cold temperatures in the winter when natural gas is limited for commercial purposes in order to satisfy residential requirements.

At the meeting of December 20<sup>th</sup>, CMEEC, along with the Town representatives, will present information on the proposed project, and offer a leasing arrangement between the Town and CMEEC that will cover more than ten years. CMEEC represents the six municipal electric systems in Connecticut whose sole purpose is to provide low cost power to its members. The Wallingford Electric Division buys all of its power needs from CMEEC, and it is the primary reason that our rates are significantly lower than the private utilities that serve the surrounding towns.

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This power project is another step in trying to provide lower cost energy to Wallingford customers as opposed to more expensive options. Wallingford is situated in an area that is defined as the "southwest Connecticut zone" and power costs in this area are amongst the highest in the nation. By siting a generating facility at the previous power plant location, CMEEC expects to avoid millions of dollars of more expensive energy related costs for its members.

This project will meet all applicable standards for noise and emissions, and will not significantly alter the landscape that presently exists. We fully expect that the neighbors will not be aware of when this power facility is operating, and it will be far quieter than the former Alfred L. Pierce Station Generating Station, which operated up through year 2000.

If you have any questions regarding this project, we encourage you to attend the meeting at the Wallingford Town Council Chambers, 45 S. Main Street, at 6:30 P.M. on December 20<sup>th</sup> for additional details.

Sincerely,



The Public Utilities Commission

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