

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR SOUND VARIANCE OF THE MIDDLETOWN NOISE ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Sections 130.75 – 130.91 of the Middletown Town Code, entitled “Noise”, notice is hereby given that the Middletown Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing to hear the petition of The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid, for a sound variance to the Noise Ordinance for its Aquidneck Island Reliability Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Narragansett Electric Company (“TNEC”) has filed a Petition seeking a variance from the Middletown Noise Ordinance for construction related noise that may be generated outside of permitted hours during the construction of the Aquidneck Island Reliability Project (“AIRP”) in Middletown. AIRP is a set of projects aimed at improving the reliability of the electric system on Aquidneck Island. The portion of the AIRP that is the subject of this application includes the construction of a new Jepson Substation, which will be built on the west side of Jepson Lane in Middletown on land owned by TNEC, the realignment of the 63 69 kV transmission line (“63 Line”), and the extension of the 61 and 62 kV transmission lines (“61 and 62 Lines”). The new Jepson Lane Substation will replace the existing Jepson Substation, which is located across the street at 500 Jepson Lane in Portsmouth. The realignment of the 63 Line and the extension of the 61 and 62 Lines will connect said lines to the new substation.

SPECIFIC VARIANCE REQUESTED:

TNEC requests a variance from the construction noise hour limitations for the entire construction phase of the Project (approximately 30 months). The specific Noise Ordinance provision and requested relief are as follows

1. **Noise Hours Limitation:**
 - a. ***Existing Limits:*** Construction and demolition noise is limited to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. pursuant Noise Ordinance § 130.78(H).
 - b. ***Requested Variance:*** Allow occasional extended hours of construction noise when associated with (i) tasks that must be completed once started, including, for instance, concrete pours and transformer installation, and (ii) extended work hours in preparation for wire pulling and related activities.

This hearing will be held at the Middletown Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, located at 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842 on July 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Middletown Town hall is handicapped accessible; individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before this meeting.

By Order of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC, Town Clerk

Advertising Date:
Friday, July 8, 2016