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S. Derek Phelps  
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Re: Docket No. 370A: CL&P Application for the Greater Springfield  
Reliability Project ("GSRP") and the Manchester to Meekville Jct.  
Circuit Separation Project

Dear Mr. Phelps,

I write on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P"), in response to your notice of August 17, 2009, to suggest an appropriate scope for the joint hearings of the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") and the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board ("EFSB"), to be held on September 22 and 23, 2009.

CL&P suggests that the most appropriate use of this time would be to consider the selection of the route between the Ludlow and Agawam substations in Massachusetts — as between the proposed "Northern" route and the noticed alternative "Southern" route, the latter of which would be located in large part in Massachusetts, but also in part in Connecticut. As both the EFSB and the Council have recognized, consistent rulings of both agencies with respect to this issue are essential if the GSRP is to go forward.

Although five full hearing days have been completed in the Connecticut proceeding, there has been little time devoted to consideration of this issue. Evidentiary hearings have not yet begun in the Massachusetts proceeding. Accordingly, hearings on this issue would not be duplicative in either venue, but would promote the efficiency of both proceedings and help bring about consistent outcomes.

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CL&P does not propose to submit any additional evidence with respect to this route selection issue, or to take discovery from any other participant with respect to it. However, in order to focus the agencies and participants on the relevant evidence already in the record, CL&P encloses with this letter an index to the relevant evidence that has already been submitted in each of the Council and EFSB proceedings. Finally, should the agencies designate any topic for consideration in the joint hearings other than Northern vs. Southern route selection, and should any other docket participant be given permission to file additional evidence with respect to that topic, CL&P respectfully requests an opportunity to direct discovery to any such proponent concerning the proposed evidence.

At one time, CL&P considered that joint hearings on the issue of the need for the GSRP would be an appropriate subject for the joint hearings. However, the Council, CL&P, and the participants in the Connecticut proceeding have already devoted very significant time and effort to this issue, so that a joint hearing would necessarily involve duplication of effort and a waste of time and resources. A single set of hearings on need, if they could have been arranged, would have been highly efficient. However, it appears likely that holding a joint session on this subject now would result in more, rather than fewer, total hearing days, without any appreciable gain in the depth or quality of the information received by each of the agencies. Having now heard CL&P's need case, and indeed nearly its entire case, the Council's time would be better spent moving on to consider the need presentations of other docket participants, than to start all over again with CL&P's need case.

Very truly yours,



Anthony M. Fitzgerald

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cc (w/enc.): Attached Service List dated August 17, 2009

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