

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

SITING COUNCIL

<p>The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for (1) The Greater Springfield Reliability Project consisting of a new 345-kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the North Bloomfield Substation in Bloomfield to the Connecticut/Massachusetts border, together with associated improvements to the North Bloomfield Substation, and potentially including portions of a new 345-kV electric transmission line between Ludlow and Agawam, Massachusetts that would be located in the Towns of Suffield and Enfield, Connecticut; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. 370</p> <p>February 27, 2009</p>
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**APPLICANT'S COMMENT ON
CORRESPONDENCE OF ICE ENERGY, INC.
d. February 18, 2009**

The Applicant, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, hereby responds to the invitation of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) to comment on the correspondence of Ice Energy , Inc. ("ICE") to S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director of the Council, dated February 18, 2009 (ICE Letter).

ICE correctly concludes that "the statutes that empower the CEAB...contemplate that when a bidder submits a responsive proposal to a CEAB RFP, the bidder will then submit an application to the Council for

approval.” (ICE Letter at 2). However, in order for a project to qualify for comparative evaluation by the Council, the application must propose an “alternative solution... to the need that will be addressed by” the initially submitted project. (Conn. Gen. Stats. Sec. 16a-7c). In order to approve either the originally submitted project or an alternative, the Council must conclude that the project to be approved “represents the most appropriate alternative among such applications.” Id.

Since ICE does “not propose that its project eliminates the need for the Facilities proposed by the Applicant in Docket No. 370,” (ICE Letter at 1), the Council is not authorized to consider an application by ICE for its project in this proceeding. Moreover, the acceptance of such an application would only impose a needless burden on the Council and on the Applicant; there is no point in processing an application that can not be granted.

That is not to say that the ICE proposal is without merit on its own terms. Indeed, the technology is very intriguing and, depending on its economics, could well qualify for support through one of the existing Connecticut DSM programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served on this 27th day of February, 2009 upon all parties and intervenors as listed on the attached Service List, via the document service manner set forth therein.



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