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RE: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board Vote on CL&P Stamford Reliability Cable Project

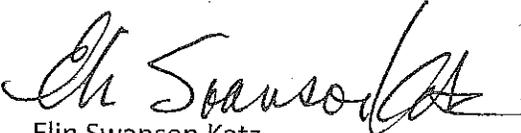
Dear Mr. Bernard,

As Chair of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB), I am writing to advise you on the Board's vote concerning the Connecticut Light & Power Company (CL&P) Application to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Stamford Reliability Cable Project (Project), filed with the Council on January 18, 2013. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 16a-7c, not later than fifteen days after the filing of an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to the Council, the CEAB "shall issue a request for proposal [RFP] to seek alternative solutions to the need that will be addressed by the proposed facility in such application." The statute further provides that "[n]otwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the [CEAB], by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, may determine that [an RFP] is unnecessary for a specific application because the process is not likely to result in a reasonable alternative to the proposed facility."

At a CEAB meeting on February 1, 2013, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the CEAB determined that an RFP is unnecessary for the Project. The CEAB found that the information CL&P provided regarding why the Project falls within the CEAB RFP exemption criteria to be satisfactory. The information that CL&P provided included the following: the Project is small, only 1.5 miles; the Project has a short lead time; the Project is urgently needed; and the Project is energy efficient and environmentally benign.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,



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Cc: Robert Stein, Chairman, Connecticut Siting Council
CEAB members