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## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 19, 2007

Robert E. Carberry Northeast Utilities System P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270

RE: **PETITION NO. 797** - Connecticut Light & Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing Connecticut Light & Power Company substation, located at 401 Flax Hill Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Carberry:

At a public meeting held on January 18, 2007, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that this proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50k would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the condition that CL&P consult with the City of Norwalk regarding the feasibility of vegetative screening.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition, dated December 4, 2006.

Very truly yours,

Daniel F. Caruso Chairman

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Enclosure: Norwalk Zoning Commission Letter, dated January 3, 2007

c: The Honorable Richard Moccia, Mayor, City of Norwalk Michael Greene, Director of Planning and Zoning, City of Norwalk

and F. Cause /





ZONING COMMISSION

January 3, 2007

Daniel F. Caruso, Esq., Chairman Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re:

Petition NO. 797 – Connecticut Light & Power - Petition for Declaratory Ruling that no certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed modifications to an existing CL&P substation located at 401 Flax Hill Road Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Caruso;

This letter is in response to notification we received from your office regarding the applicant's filing of the above-referenced modification to an existing substation located at 401 Flax Hill Road in Norwalk.

As with previous applications, we request that the Council require that evergreen trees be planted to screen the facility from adjacent residential neighbors located to the east on Oak Hill Avenue. On a field visit last month, we noted that the substation is clearly visible from the rear yards of several residences located on the west side of Oak Hill Avenue. We are therefore requesting that the applicant plant the appropriate number of suitably sized trees to create a buffer. In addition, the applicant should be responsible for the maintenance and repair (as needed) of the existing chain link fence enclosure, including the removal of weeds and debris in and around the enclosure.

This office can provide additional details on the suggested improvements, if requested. Please call me at (203) 854-7780, if you have any questions regarding the above.

Dorothy Wilson

Senior Planner

cc. Richard Moccia, Mayor, City of Norwalk



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