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Petition No. 12

Woodbury, Ct. May 26, 1978

Gloria Dibble Pond and Duncan Reid met Mr. Liss and Mr. Dery of Northeast Utilities in Woodbury to review Petition No. 12.

Petition No. 12 involved the removal of a double circuit 69 kV lattice line and the construction of one 115 kV circuit on a double circuit steel pole line on a right of way between Carmel Hill substation in Woodbury and Rocky River Substation in New Milford. The right of way traverses parts of Woodbury, Roxbury, Washington, and New Milford. Approximately 10 feet of clearing was necessary for 8.7 miles of the 11.1 mile route.

Clearing of the right of way was selective, and many herbs and shrubs have revegetated the cleared areas. In most places the right of way supported a good vegetative cover. However, in selected spots (between Nettleton Hollow Road and Route 47, for example) small shrubs and grass have died. The reason for such spotted occurrence of dead vegetation is being investigated.

A small section of land in the right of way east of Route 47 in Roxbury has been excavated. Apparently this was done by the land owner in order to obtain fill for a horse riding ring. This excavation conformed to Roxbury's regulations.

A long section of the right of way can be seen traversing agricultural and forest land west of Painter Ridge Road. The view here is striking and the right of way is quite visible. Alternate routes in this area should be considered for future changes or additions.

In two places the old lattice structures have been cut from their foundation and removed from the right of way. This was done as an agreement with property owners who wanted the scrap metal. These structures, no longer on the right of way, were to be removed by the property owner but still remain.

The Woodbury Town Planner is concerned about erosion on the access roads and hopes that these roads will be maintained properly.

In general the reconstruction of this line has resulted in no significant adverse environmental impacts. The spotted occurrence of dead vegetation and maintenance of access roads will continue to be investigated. It is recommended that this petition be approved.

Duncan Reid
Environmentalist

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