



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

POWER FACILITY EVALUATION COUNCIL

Petition No. 14
Southington, Connecticut
October 7, 1980

Mr. Doocy, Christopher Wood, and Duncan Reid met Mr. Perotti of NUSCO for a final review of Petition No. 14.

Petition No. 14 involved changes to two 115 kV lines between Southington Substation in Southington and Forestville Substation in Bristol. On October 30, 1975 the Department of Environmental Protection designee, Joseph Laforte, and Executive Director William Joram inspected the line and found it to be completed in accordance with the specifications set forth in the petition to the Council dated January 24, 1973. However, a small area south of Hobart Street was excavated by the landowner. Northeast Utilities was requested to have this area restored to as near its original condition as practical. This involved leveling mounds of soil and filling in a gully.

Northeast Utilities could act only within the authority of its easement which prohibited land owners from restricting access or causing a potential problem with a structure. Thus, NUSCO requested the landowner to return the right-of-way to a condition which does not restrict access or cause a potential problem with a structure. This was done; however, the area was not revegetated, small mounds of soil were not removed, and a small slope was not stabilized.

The area between Hobart and Woodruff Street was inspected again by the Council's environmentalist on April 3, 1978 and on April 13, 1978 with Mr. Thompson of NUSCO.

During these reviews a serious erosion problem was discovered on the access road toward Woodruff Street. Water erosion resulted in gullies three to four feet deep in places, and soil eroded into culverts crossing Woodruff Street into Spring Lake.

This erosion problem appears to be a result of drainage from adjacent housing developments and recreational use of the right-of-way.

NUSCO's actions between Hobart Street and Woodruff Street were limited to reconductoring existing structures. No significant disturbance of soil or vegetation was necessary.

At the May 17, 1978 meeting the Council decided to send a letter to the town of Southington informing them of the erosion problem on their drainage easement. This was done.

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The area now appears to support a dense cover of forbs and herbs, but there appears to be no action taken to correct the erosion problem, and the area appears to be used frequently by motor bikes.

Both the council and NUSCO have taken action to correct the problems on this right-of-way between Hobart Street and Woodruff Street. Any further action should be taken by the property owner or the Town of Southington. Final approval is recommended to close the file on this petition.

Duncan C. Reid
Environmentalist
October 8, 1980