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POWER FACILITY EVALUATION COUNCIL

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PETITION NO. 20

Enfield, Ct. June 5, 1978

Mr. Clark and Duncan Reid met Dorian Hill and Robert Minnick of Northeast Utilities to review Petition No. 20.

This petition involved the installation of a 115kV circuit on the vacant side of existing steel pole structures and the installation of a second single circuit wood pole adjacent to a similar structure at 15 angle points. The construction took place on an existing 6.5 mile right-of-way from Scitico substation in Enfield through the northwestern part of Somers to the Massachusetts State line. No clearing of the right-of-way was necessary.

Much of this right-of-way traverses agricultural land. Those areas not farmed support a young growth of herbs and shrubs.

Most of the young trees standing in the right-of-way near the substation were dead. The trees were killed by a selective application of herbicide. Basal spraying of herbicide was done in October of 1976 for maintenance purposes.

West of Maple Street in Somers large mounds of fill have been placed in the right-of-way. This may be a problem if the mounds raise the contour of the ground so the conductor clearance is inadequate. This situation is being investigated by Northeast Utilities' Real Estate Department.

A minimum amount of construction activity was required for this petition. The construction appeared to result in no significant adverse environmental effects. Therefore, it is recommended that this petition be finally approved.

Duncan C. Reid  
Environmentalist

June 27, 1978