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PETITION NO. 92
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
FIELD REVIEW OF
MAY 17, 1983

Dr. James Horsfall, Janet Sitty, and Robert Erling of the Connecticut Siting Council met John Harrington and G.F. Thazhampallath of Northeast Utilities for a field review of Petition No. 92 today. Northeast Utilities is petitioning that no certificate of environmental compatibility and public need is required for the proposed modification to two 115 kV lines in Wallingford.

The project consists of the conversion of two structures from suspension to strain insulator configuration, the removal of two sixty foot wood pole H-frame structures, the addition of two eighty foot wood pole H-frame structures, and the erection of two three pole bus structures. The two eighty foot structures will be constructed about 100 feet easterly of the structures to be removed, according to Mr. Harrington. This is a change from the original description distance of fifty feet as described in the petition.

Council members were concerned because the bus structures will be located within a farmer's hay field and requested further information. Staff asked Mr. Harrington to determine who owns the hay field. Mr. Harrington, in a subsequent letter and telephone conversations, stated that Northeast Utilities formerly owned the land, but had sold it to the Farmington Industrial Park Corporation. F.I.P. Corp. plans to build an industrial park here in the near future. Further developments in the area will include the construction of a North Wallingford substation on adjacent property, and the construction of a Research Parkway, which will come within 40 feet of the bus structures in question. It appears that agricultural use of this land will soon end under any circumstance.

No new access roads will be required and no wetlands will be affected by the construction.

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