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PETITION NO. 93

FIELD REVIEW

June 16, 1983

Chairperson Gloria Dibble Pond, Owen Clark, and Robert Erling of the Connecticut Siting Council met Jerry Thompson and Larry Shand of Northeast Utilities for a field review of Petition 93 today. Northeast Utilities is petitioning for a declaratory ruling that no certificate of environmental compatibility and public need is required for the proposed modification of the single circuit 345 kV wood pole H-frame line.

The project consists of the replacement of two structures in Wolcott and one in Southington with poles which are 10 to 15 feet taller. NU also proposes to remove a protruding ledge along the right-of-way in Southington. This area is a steep hillside and access will have to be from the Wolcott side. Some blasting will be necessary to remove the ledge, which is considered too close to the 345 kV line to be safe. A private firm will be hired to perform the blasting and obtain the necessary permits. There is only one house nearby, (1,000 feet away) and the homeowner will be notified two weeks prior to any blasting, which is expected to take place in late September. The steep terrain and difficult access to the Southington ledge area may necessitate close observation of this site.

Near structure number 8304, off Village Road in Southington, Council members and staff observed fill which had been dumped on the right-of-way. Mr. Thompson said Northeast Utilities would investigate the dumping and attempt to prevent its reoccurrence.

Access to structure numbers 8259 and 8226 in Wolcott appears to present no difficulties as both are in dry areas, near roads, and are surrounded only by low brush. Some minor access road improvement and brush clearing will be necessary, but this presents no environmental problems. No wetlands or erosion-prone sites were noted along the proposed work areas.

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