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Petition No. 165
Northeast Utilities
Reservoir Road Junction - Chippen Hill Tap
Field Review of October 30, 1986

Chairperson Gloria Dibble Pond, Council member Owen L. Clark, and Siting Analyst Robert K. Erling of the Siting Council met Frank Perrotti and John Albertson of Northeast Utilities (NU) for a field review of the 69 kV line between Reservoir Road Junction, New Britain, and Chippen Hill Tap, Bristol. NU proposes to remove the 80 existing lattice towers now standing along this Right-of-Way (ROW), a distance of 8.9 miles.

Built circa 1916, this line was once part of the South Meadows, Hartford, to Falls Village line. The line was taken out of service approximately 20 years ago. No conductors remain on these towers, only the 69 kV insulators. From Reservoir Road Junction in New Britain to Lake Avenue Junction in Bristol, these towers are the only structures along the ROW. From Lake Avenue Junction to Chippen Hill in Bristol, the ROW is shared with a single circuit 115 kV wood pole H-frame line which will remain in service.

Most of the towers appear to be readily accessible. In wet areas NU plans to remove the towers during the winter months, thus minimizing access road construction. The towers will be dismantled on site and sold as scrap metal. All-terrain vehicles will be used during the removal work. Monuments will mark the position of the ROW after the towers have been removed.

The project is planned to begin in November, 1986, and has an expected completion date of late 1987.

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