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Petition No. 220
Connecticut Yankee Station
Plant Support Buildings
November 21, 1988

The Northeast Utilities Service Company (NU) is requesting a determination that no certificate of environmental compatibility and public need is required for the construction of a warehouse and office building within the developed area of the Haddam Neck Plant.

On November 15, 1988, Paulann Sheets and Mortimer Gelston from the Council and Thomas E. Fanning, Jr., staff of the Council, met with NU representatives Donald Biondi, Janice Mawson, Roy Brown, James Lubs, and Eric DeBarba on the site of the project.

NU proposes to construct a permanent 120' by 135' by 30' warehouse and an adjoining 100' by 120' two-story office building. These would be located in an existing parking lot northwest of the station's main buildings and adjacent to an existing warehouse. Removal of existing parking lot asphalt and approximately two dozen pine trees would be performed for reconfiguration of the parking lot and construction of an access drive to the warehouse.

The proposed buildings are needed to replace several temporary and leased modular buildings scattered about the property. N.U. pays approximately \$750,000 annually in rental fees for use of these buildings. The new office building would consolidate security, medical, engineering, and administrative functions in one central location. The proposed warehouse would provide additional space for the permanent storage of equipment used in outage and refueling support operations. The vacated temporary buildings would be dismantled after completion of the project. The new buildings would comply with all applicable State and Town of Haddam building codes.

Due to the incursion of the proposed buildings into the parking lot, the parking area would be refigured and repaved to regain some parking spaces without expanding current boundaries. This would be accomplished by removing existing divider islands. No vegetation would be removed along the river bank screening the site from the Connecticut River.

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The proposed construction area is flat and is located above the 100-year flood zone. The area has not been under water in several years. Any silting from run-off due to construction activities would be contained by appropriate sediment barriers. Where needed, affected areas would be replanted and reseeded after completion of construction.

No wetlands would be affected and location approval for the project would be permitted under the existing Town of Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission's approval for the plant.

Haddam town officials have been notified about the project.

Construction would begin in March 1989, and end prior to a scheduled September 1989 refueling operation.

NU contends that the project does not constitute a modification as defined in CGS Section 16-50i(d) and would not require a Certificate pursuant to CGS Section 16-50k(a), and/or if the project is deemed a modification it would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect and, therefore, would not require a Certificate pursuant to CGS Section 16-50k(a).

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