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Petition No. 276
Northeast Utilities
Proposed 115-kV Transmission Line Tap
for the Lisbon Resource Recovery Facility
Finalized Plan Revisions
Staff Report
June 9, 1992

At a public meeting on October 9, 1991, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered Petition 276 and ruled that the proposed transmission line is a "transmission line tap" pursuant to Connecticut General Statute section 16-50i(e) and therefore not a facility under Council jurisdiction.

In a letter dated May 21, 1992, Northeast Utilities (NU) has notified the Council that final transmission line design is nearly complete and that two changes to the original petition are necessary. The first change is that nine instead of eight tangent suspension structures will be necessary for the line. The second change is that instead of no poles exceeding 79 feet above ground level, now two poles will exceed 79 feet above ground level; one, outside the station switchyard located adjacent to the facility, will be 90 feet above ground level and the other, at the southerly end of the line near the tap point, will be 83.5 feet above ground level.

Staff believes that these finalized changes do not create a significant environmental effect, or alter the line's status as a transmission line tap which is not a facility under Council jurisdiction. The Council approved Petition 276 with the conditions that 1) the Lisbon Resource Recovery Facility must receive all the necessary approvals from regulatory agencies, 2) construction of the facility must be imminent before NU goes forward with the transmission line tap construction, and 3) construction must conform to the Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control. Staff recommends that these conditions for approval as set forth by the Council should not change.

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