

May 7, 2004

Ms. Pamela B. Katz  
Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 272 - Middletown-Norwalk 345kV Transmission Line

Dear Ms. Katz:

This letter provides the response to requests for the information listed below.

Response to CSC-02 Interrogatories dated 03/31/2004  
CSC - 054

Very truly yours,

Anne B. Bartosewicz  
Project Director - Transmission Business

ABB/tms  
cc: Service List

**Witness: Anne Bartosewicz**  
**Request from: Connecticut Siting Council**

**Question:**

Provide a response to the Town of Westport Department of Public Works letter of September 18, 2003 regarding concerns about excavation through a former landfill along Imperial Avenue. Provide a response to the Town of Westport's Chief of Police letter of September 17, 2003, also concerning this landfill.

**Response:**

The Companies did not respond to either the September 18, 2003 Town of Westport Department of Public Works memorandum to the Town of Westport Planner or the September 17, 2003 Town of Westport Chief of Police memorandum to the Town of Westport Planning and Zoning, both of which memorandum provided comments on the Middletown to Norwalk Transmission Line Project.

The Companies presented the proposed route (e.g. the Supported Change in the Companies Application) to cross the Saugatuck River at the October 27, 2003 Westport Planning and Zoning Public Meeting. At that meeting the Companies responded to questions raised about construction through the landfill in the vicinity of Imperial Avenue and stated that detailed engineering and design are ongoing and that the Companies would work the Town of Westport to address their concerns about construction and excavation in and around the landfill.

The Companies recognize that the Imperial Avenue parking lot and possibly some area in that vicinity is a former landfill and are prepared to address any issues that may be encountered during construction. Prior to any excavation or drilling in this area (the Imperial Avenue parking lot is a proposed site for horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under the Saugatuck River), tests will be performed on the area that is to be disturbed to identify potential contaminants. During excavation and drilling the spoils will be tested in order to identify and properly dispose of any contaminated material removed from the excavation or boring. Suitable fill (special thermal backfill in areas adjacent to the HPFF pipe) will be used to replace any contaminated material, which will be properly stored and disposed. The Companies will restore any disturbed area to the equivalent state that existed prior to construction.