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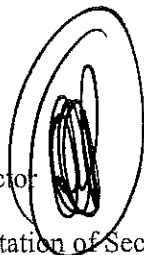
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December 24, 2008

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 346** – Implementation of Section 8 and Section 54 of Public Act No. 07-242; An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency



The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held a pre-hearing conference on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. During this conference there was significant discussion as to the general scope and range of review that the Council will undertake pursuant to the statutory provision that is the basis for the subject proceeding.

Section 8 of Public Act 07-242, provides as follows: "Not later than September 1, 2007, the Connecticut Siting Council, in consultation with the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council, established pursuant to section 28-1b of the general statutes, and the Department of Public Utility Control shall initiate a contested case proceeding, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to investigate energy security with regard to the siting of electric generating facilities and transmission facilities, including consideration of planning, preparedness, response and recovery capabilities. The Connecticut Siting Council may conduct such proceedings in an executive session with sensitive information submitted under a protective order."

Resolving the issue of scope for this proceeding is important. The Council's practices provide that participants shall pre-file their testimony and exchange written interrogatories prior to its hearing. Naturally, a clear understanding as to what evidence the Council considers relevant and germane to its charge with respect to this proceeding is essential to this task.

To that end, the Council wishes to collect comments as to the proposed scope of the proceeding from all participants. Once such comments have been received, the Council will determine the scope and range of review at its January 22, 2009 meeting before announcing a hearing schedule.

The Council notes that CL&P and UI have jointly submitted scoping comments to the Council on December 2, 2008. To afford other parties and intervenors the opportunity to present comments, the Council will keep the scoping inquiry open until January 8, 2009. In consideration of the late application to become a party (November 25, 2008), the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) shall be given additional time until January 15, 2009 to respond to the scoping inquiry.