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December 14, 2011

Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager NEEWS Siting and Permitting Northeast Utilities Service Company P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270

RE: **DOCKET NO. 370** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby and Suffield, Connecticut. Proposed Material Staging Site.

Dear Mr. Carberry:

In response to your letter of December 1, 2011 requesting the approval of a Material Staging Area to be located at 536 Salmon Brook Street in Granby, please be advised that by this writing the Council staff hereby approves the proposed Material Staging Area.

This approval applies only to the Staging Site correspondence submitted on December 1, 2011. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Linda Roberts
Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors

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NOTICE OF SERVICE

I hereby affirm that a photocopy of this document was sent to each Party and Intervenor on the service list dated December 14, 2011, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via either e-mail or hard-copy on December 14, 2011.

Dated: December 14, 2011

Lisa Fontaine

Custodian of Docket No. 370





Northeast Utilities Service Company P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270 (860) 665-5000

November 29, 2011

Linda Roberts, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re:

Docket 370

Staging Site for the Greater Springfield Reliability Project ("Project")

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Pursuant to The Connecticut Light and Power Company's (CL&P) Development and Management (D&M) Plan for North Bloomfield Substation to Connecticut/Massachusetts State Border 345-kV Overhead Transmission Line, as approved by the Connecticut Siting Council on October 21, 2010:

"Material staging areas proposed for use will be submitted to Council staff for review and approval prior to use through the Change Approval Process described in Appendix F of this D&M Plan."

CL&P is hereby submitting, for the Council staff's approval, a staging area at 536 Salmon Brook Street in Granby, Connecticut. Please see the attached location map for this address. The Project will use 15 acres of Tilcon Inc.'s 226-acre property at this address.

This staging area would be used to store construction materials, equipment, tools, and supplies (including, but not limited to, poles, reinforcing steel, anchor bolts, conductor, insulators and hardware). It would also be used for parking the personal vehicles of the construction crew members, for parking construction vehicles and equipment, and for performing minor maintenance on construction equipment, when needed. Components for new structures may be temporarily stored at this location prior to their assembly and installation, and some assembly of materials or structures may occur at this area prior to delivery to the right-of-way. Steel and wood, along with materials from disassembled structures, may be temporarily held here prior to removal and/or disposal.

Tilcon, Inc. has owned the 226-acre property since July 1995 and has used it for sand and gravel excavation and processing. Access to the Project's staging area on the property would be from Salmon Brook Street. The property is zoned as Industrial Zone, Business Zone C2, Residential Zone R30, Residential Zone R50 according to the Town of Granby's Zoning Map, which was last updated in May 2009.

On November 21, 2011, a Project Community Relations Representative contacted the Director of Community Development in the Town of Granby, Francis Armentano, to explain the Project's intended use of the site. Mr. Armentano had previously suggested that CL&P's contractor look into using the Tilcon site for Project staging, and on November 21, he indicated that he supports CL&P's intended use of the site. Surrounding businesses include State Line Propane (500 Salmon Brook Street), State Line Oil (514 Salmon Brook Street), Pierce Builders Inc. (522 Salmon Brook Street), and New England Pizza Restaurant (518 Salmon Brook Street). There are also two residences within 300 feet of the southern tip of the staging area. During the week of November 28, Project Community Relations Representatives reached out to the surrounding businesses and residents to inform them of CL&P's intended use of the site and to solicit feedback. No concerns were raised by the businesses or residents about the Project's intended use of the site.

CL&P currently estimates that this staging area will be used by the Project from December, 2011 to April, 2013. All necessary erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained in accordance with the previously approved D&M Plan requirements.

Please contact me at 860-665-6774 with any questions you may have on this request.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager NEEWS Siting and Permitting

Enclosure

cc: Service List, w/o enclosure
James M. Hayden, First Selectman, Town of East Granby w/enclosure
Edward G. McAnaney, First Selectman, Town of Suffield w/enclosure
Sydney T. Schulman, Mayor, Town of Bloomfield w/enclosure
John E. Adams, First Selectman, Granby w/enclosure
William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager, Granby w/enclosure
Francis Armentano, Director of Community Development, Town of Granby w/enclosure