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December 17, 2012

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. **Request to temporarily change hours of construction at North Bloomfield Substation.** 

Dear Mr. Carberry:

In response to your email of December 17, 2012, requesting approval to work up to 12 hours per day between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays and 8 hours per day between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sundays beginning on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 through March 3, 2013. The Connecticut Siting Council staff hereby approves your request. CL&P asserts that the additional hours are required to accommodate preparatory work and construction during a pre-arranged and CONVEX-approved outage over this time period. This approval is contingent upon a response of no objection from the Town of Bloomfield.

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

LR/CMW

c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable Sydney Schulman, Mayor, Town of Bloomfield
Louie Chapman, Jr., Town Manager, Town of Bloomfield
Thomas B. Hooper, Director of Planning, Town of Bloomfield





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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 January 13, 2012, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via e-mail and U.S. mail on December 18, 2012.

Dated: December 18, 2012

Lisa Fontaine

Custodian of Docket No. 370



**From:** robert.carberry@nu.com [mailto:robert.carberry@nu.com]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 10:23 AM

To: Walsh, Christina; Roberts, Linda

Cc: Bachman, Melanie

Subject: Docket 370, North Bloomfield Substation, Request for Extended Work Hours

Christina and Linda:

CL&P hereby requests Council staff approval of a D&M Plan Change for extended work hours on January 2, 2013 through March 3, 2013, as described below.

Section 6.0 of the North Bloomfield Substation D&M Plan includes the following statement:

"Construction activities are expected to occur six days a week for 10 hours a day, between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.. During some construction activities, work outside this window may be necessary."

CL&P seeks Council staff approval for 10 to 12 contract test technicians to work up to 12 hours per day, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on weekdays and Saturdays, and 8 hours per day, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on Sundays, from January 2, 2013 through March 3, 2013. Several outages of protective relaying equipment for wiring, relay-setting changes and various testing activities, as well as a test energizing of the new 345/115-kV autotransformers for 24 hours on January 20, 2012 were pre-arranged and approved by CONVEX for this nearly nine-week period. Because equipment outages are difficult to arrange and coordinate with CONVEX and ISO-NE, the work must go forward to keep the Greater Springfield Reliability Project on its schedule and to not disrupt plans for subsequent outage-related work on this project and elsewhere in New England. The diversion of electricians to Superstorm Sandy restoration activities delayed some equipment wiring and circuit-breaker gassing, leaving insufficient normal work hours for the test technicians to complete their work preparatory to each upcoming outage.

Most of the testing work during the extra hours will take place inside of the control houses, but some test work will occur outside at new circuit breakers, disconnect switches, CCVT's, surge arresters and the autotransformers. The outdoor work during the extra hours will only occur during daylight hours. Minor noise will be produced by vehicles and manlifts operating within the substation, by some testing equipment, and by circuit breaker operations.