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Robert Stein, Chairman Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051



Re:

Docket 370

Development and Management Plan Change - North Bloomfield Substation Greater Springfield Reliability Project

Dear Mr. Stein:

The Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") approved The Connecticut Light and Power Company's ("CL&P") Development and Management ("D&M") Plan for the North Bloomfield Substation via a letter sent to me on October 27, 2010. A number of minor changes have since been made to the D&M Plan Exhibits, and CL&P proposes another change in this letter for the Council's approval.

CL&P proposes to install a sound barrier wall on the south side of the three new 345- to 115-kV autotransformers, as shown on the enclosed revision to Exhibit 3. (An original and 15 copies of Exhibit 3 are enclosed.) Sound absorbing panels in a structural steel support frame will be cantilevered off of the ends of the three existing concrete firewalls adjacent to these autotransformers. Because there is no firewall on the east side of the easterly autotransformer, two concrete foundations will be installed for supporting and bracing the east end of the sound wall. The sound wall will be approximately 115 feet long, and its height above grade of 28 feet will match the height of the firewalls. The sound absorbing panels will by ANSI 70 Gray in color in a dull or matte finish to reduce glare.

Sound measurements made by CL&P's consultants subsequent to energizing the new autotransformers demonstrated compliance with the State of Connecticut's Noise Control Regulations. However, the levels were a little higher than projected and some were close to the limit, possibly due to sound reflections from the firewalls. Several residents to the southwest and west of the substation complained to CL&P representatives about the increased transformer noise, leading CL&P to propose this sound wall.

Construction of the sound wall is scheduled to begin in early December 2013 and be completed by the end of January. An outage of the new autotransformers for this construction has been arranged from January 2 through 29, 2014. The construction work will take place during the days and hours indicated in Section 6.0 of the approved D&M Plan.

Please contact me at 860-665-6774 with any questions you or Council members may have on this D&M Plan change.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager

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Enclosure

cc: Service List, w/o enclosure

Sydney T. Schulman, Mayor, Town of Bloomfield w/enclosure

