### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

#### SITING COUNCIL

The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for (1) The Greater Springfield Reliability Project consisting of a new 345kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the North Bloomfield Substation in Bloomfield to the Connecticut/Massachusetts border, together with associated improvements to the North Bloomfield Substation, and potentially including portions of a new 345-kV electric transmission line between Ludlow and Agawam, Massachusetts that would be located in the Towns of Suffield and Enfield, Connecticut; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut.

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## COMMENT ON NOTICE

RE: Siting Council Request for Comments on Applicant's Motion for a Protective Order to Not Disclose Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII)

By notice of January 21, 2009, the Council has sought comments from the service list with respect to CL&P's Motion for a Protective Order to Not Disclose Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), which motion was filed on October 30, 2008. That notice includes a quotation from the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 1-210(b)(19). The quotation omits key language and thus is likely to be confusing to recipients of the notice. (The omission of language is indicated by the appropriate punctuation, but the omitted matter is highly material.)

The notice correctly quotes sec. 1-201(b)(19) as authorizing the withholding of information "where there are reasonable grounds to believe disclosure may result in a safety risk, including the risk of harm to...any government-owned or leased institution or facility or any fixture or appurtenance and equipment attached to or contained in, such institution or facility..." However, the language left out of the quotation includes:

As used in this section, "government-owned or leased institution or facility" includes, but is not limited to, an institution or facility owned or leased by a public service company, as defined in section 16-1...

Accordingly, a reader of the notice who has not previously read the motion and brief posted on the Council's Web site could well wonder what the cited statutory provision has to do with the protection of public utility infrastructure. The answer, of course, is that the statute affords the same degree of protection to public utility infrastructure as it does to that of the state government.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed, postage prepaid, on the above date, to all parties and intervenors listed on the attached Service List.

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