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Daniel F. Caruso
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June 16, 2009

TO: Parties and Intervenors

RE: **DOCKET NO. 370** – Consolidated proceeding pursuant to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) Request for Proposal (RFP) process under C.G.S. §16a-7c. **Original application:** The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of (1) The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, or potentially including an alternate portion that traverses the municipalities of Suffield and Enfield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. **Competing application:** NRG Energy, Inc. application pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50/(a)(3) for consideration of a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut.

At a pre-hearing conference held June 12, 2009, at the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) office, the Council requested that the following format be used for the public hearings for this docket.

1. The Council will conduct evening hearing sessions in the Towns of East Granby, Suffield, Manchester and Meriden for the public to make statements into the record.
2. At least ten days prior to each public hearing session to be held in affected towns, the applicant (CL&P) and the competing applicant (NRG Energy, Inc.) will post and maintain, in legible condition, a sign not less than six feet by four feet at conspicuous locations along the route or at the site. The sign shall provide the name of the applicant, type of facility, public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (including website and telephone number).
3. The Council proposes to begin evidentiary hearings in New Britain, Connecticut on July 21, 2009 at the Central Connecticut State University Institute for Technology and Business Development, 185 Main Street New Britain, Connecticut.
4. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants. No repetition of facts will be allowed.
5. A verbatim transcript of all hearing sessions will be made and deposited with the Town or City clerks of Bloomfield, East Granby, Suffield, Enfield, Manchester, Granby, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor and Meriden Town Halls for the convenience of the public.
6. Before July 7, 2009, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to file pre-hearing interrogatories, and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with all other parties and intervenors. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing.



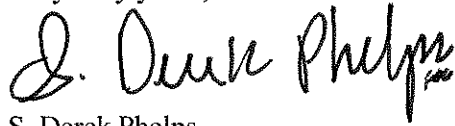
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7. Additional hearing session(s) will be announced by the Council to provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to present exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by all parties and intervenors in the order that they were made parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to present their exhibits and witness panels in the order in which they were made parties and intervenors, and be subject to cross-examination by the applicant and all other parties and intervenors. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Arguments will be entertained in writing after the close of the last hearing session.
8. The Council may hold a coordinated proceeding (evidentiary and/or evening public comment session) with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board on the Southern Route Alternative.
9. The Council requests that all parties and intervenors that wish to ask interrogatories of other participants in this proceeding do so prior to June 30, 2009, to allow adequate time for responses before the pre-file deadline.
10. The Council requests that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by July 7, 2009. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.
11. Parties and intervenors should request permission from the Council for the admittance of late-file exhibits.
12. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of facts within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
13. Members of the public will be allowed to submit public statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
14. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and public statements will be final and no extensions will be granted.
15. The Council may, at its discretion, provide for the grouping of parties and intervenors with the same interest.
16. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
17. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to file a written petition with the Council on or before July 7, 2009.
18. Enclosed is a list of items the Council wishes to notice administratively. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the hearing.
19. The Council will conduct public field reviews of the proposed and alternative routes on the days of evening hearing sessions. These field reviews will be done in segments. Notice of the public field reviews will be sent to parties and intervenors.

20. All participants are requested to place nameplates on the table in front of each witness at the hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Derek Phelps". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "S.D.P." monogram at the end.

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Administrative Notice List



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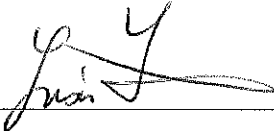
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NOTICE OF SERVICE

I hereby affirm that a photocopy of this document was sent to each Party and Intervenor on the service list dated June 10, 2009.

Dated: June 16, 2009



Lisa Fontaine
Custodian of Docket No. 370