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April 20, 2011

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts *LR/MB*  
Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 370A** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield.

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Attached please find a Request to Reopen by Walter Rebenske, dated April 11, 2011. This item will be placed on our next agenda scheduled for April 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

LR/CMW/laf

c: Walter Rebenske

Enclosure (2) Request to Reopen Letter  
Agenda for April 28, 2011



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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 August 25, 2010 with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via either e-mail or hard-copy on April 20, 2011.

Dated: April 20, 2011

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Lisa Fontaine  
Custodian of Docket No. 370

RECEIVED  
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TO: CSC Chairman *Robert Stein*  
From: Walter Rebenske , homeowner  
Subject: Request for re examination of GSRP information regarding Drainage and EMF  
Date: April 11, 2011

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Dear Sir:

As a result of the recent resignation of CSC Chairman Caruso for various reasons...I request a fairer review of information that was presented as part of the GSRP evaluation and decision making process. This is a request to consider re opening the GSRP to a second non pompous and non degrading and fair review regarding drainage issues, Emfs and option for constructing Single Metal towers requiring less easement area clearing of vegetation. The issue is obvious-drainage problems to property having easements. Recognizing that there is access to easements for use, CSC,CLP and other parties can not be held harmless for damaging adjacent properties due to drainage, EMFs and unnecessary destruction of vegetation on a wider scale. This is a direct result of previous CSC Chairman Caruso forging ahead with his own agenda while deny a fair process and evaluation for Single Towers having less easement environment impact and constructing H Towers as a mean spirited option to homeowners complaining of drainage ,EMF, and land clearing concerns of Easement area.\

I ask for a fair reconsideration and re review of facts of CLP drainage plan presented to CSC. The bottom line is that homeowners will have a drainage issue of water coming off the mountain /easement areas of the GSRP . Problems currently exist with water runoff from the mountain and non porous easement portions having solid rock and ledge. The water has to go some where and it will go onto adjacent land owned by the homeowner. Any negative drainage ,Emf impact will be harmful to my home.

I look forward to a fair review of these components of the GSRP. The Chairman had the power as Chair to guide discussion topics and presentation of Tower Options. I do not feel that appropriate and fair discussion was conducted under the leadership of the previous Chairperson of the CSC .

If I can be of further assistance, feel free to contact me at 860-653-4274 or via mail at 248 Newgate Road, East Granby, Ct 06026.

*I am attaching for your information two memos from myself to the East Granby Selectman Jim Hayden and a subsequent letter from East Granby Engineering Department.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Walter Rebenske*

CC Governor Malloy  
Representative Bill Simanski  
East Granby Selectman Jim Hayden

To: Jim Hayden, Selectman

From: Walter Rebenske, Resident

Subject: Request for Wetlands Review of updated GSRP Drainage Plan

Date: March 9, 2011

Jim

I am disappointed in the recent February 2011 CSC approval of the CLP drafted GSRP drainage plan for East Granby.

I am extremely concerned that the current drainage plan is inadequate and totally dependent upon existing culverts on Newgate Road. Recent rains clearly demonstrate that what we have in place is not adequate to channel water. The issue is hydrolics and the effect of cleared paths on easements for CLP Towers that result in increased erosion and water run-off. In most cases the run-off impacts East Granby residents that have easements on their property and residents across the street that receive the extra mountainside water run-off.

I believe that CLP and CSC and other parties can not be held harmless as part of process of:

approving and clearing a easement for electrical towers that negatively impacts property owners in terms of increased water runoff, erosion and flooding of yards and wetlands. A substantial and increased amount of rain water will be flowing down the cleared easement mountainside corridor. This increased water flow is channeled between properties having an easement to other properties and wetlands. These issues have been presented as no water problem exists since there is existing culverts an silt fences will be constructed to remedy water situation. I cannot accept the fact that increased water drainage flows from Land Clearing will not be a problem during substantial winter and summer storms. I would suggest problems in GSRP drainage plan---as evidenced by our recent Winter storms---will have a long term damaging impact to East Granby properties and property values. Standing water, erosion, and highly soluable back yards and fields will cause non use of land and possibly damage to homes( increased basement water) from higher water tables from the increased runoff. It is water and increased water run off that is not addressed. Silt fences and existing Town drainage facilities May not be adequate- as evidenced by recent March 5/6 , 2011 rain storms and winter thaw.

Therefore, Iam asking the East Granby Wetlands Commission to comment and review the approved CSC GSRP drainage plan for negative drainage impacts upon property owners. I am requesting a written response to this concern.

If a report has been sent to the Army Corps of Engineers-any additional comments should also be forwarded by the Town of East Granby.

Thanks\wr

**walter rebenske**

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**From:** "Charlie Francis" <CharlieF@egtownhall.com>  
**To:** "Chris Fritz" <cfritz@burnsmcd.com>  
**Cc:** <walter47@cox.net>; "Gary Haynes" <GaryH@egtownhall.com>; "Jim Hayden" <JimH@egtownhall.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 09, 2011 12:15 PM  
**Subject:** GSRP - Rebenske Property, 248 Newgate Rd, East Granby

Hi Chris,

Recently Gary Haynes and I met with Mr. Rebenske to discuss his continuing concern of drainage impacts on his property from the GSRP project.

I reviewed the Burns and McDonnell "Drainage Analysis" report rev 1, 1/11 and the CL&P letter to Mr. Rebenske dated 3/2/11 from Jerry Fortier.

I told Mr. Rebenske that, in principle, I agree with the methods, procedures and conclusions of both documents regarding drainage. However, where I may have a difference of opinion regards the time period between the existing condition of forested land to "robustly developed" (my emphasis) shrub land wherein you can conclude that the runoff coefficients are essentially unchanged from between the "before" and "after" conditions. Particularly, as the CL&P letter notes, the steep slopes and shallow to bedrock soils will present a challenge for the reemergence of the shrub growth and I suspect the period of time may be greater than has been predicted.

I believe the temporary controls proposed are appropriate but field conditions may dictate the need for some "beefing up" and adding to areas not currently considered needing protection.

I was pleased to note that stumps will largely remain in place but I didn't see any indication of the disposal of the brush. I would suggest that brush be "chipped" and used on site to "backup" the silt fences to further retard rate of flow. Also, in some areas it may be appropriate to "double up" the silt fencing to control and retard flow.

It may also be appropriate to provide check dams in lieu of or in addition to silt fences for more permanent "temporary" provisions since I believe temporary controls are likely to be needed for several post construction seasons.

Very helpful are the inspection protocols established but they need to be vigorously and vigilantly maintained and I would ask that the town be kept informed during construction and afterwards as to the steps taken.

Thank you for your continued commitment to addressing these and previous drainage concerns raised by the town and citizens.

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