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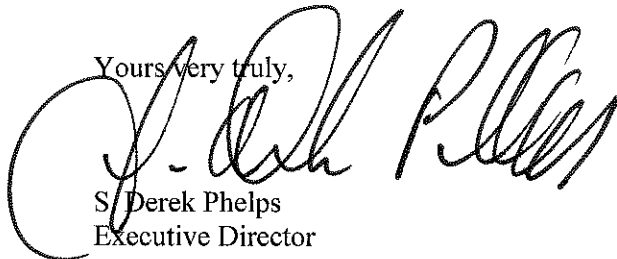
RE: **DOCKET NO. 370** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of (1) The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project 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.

Dear Mr. Carberry:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than February 13, 2009. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office including an electronic filing in .pdf format. 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. A list of parties and intervenors dated January 23, 2009, is enclosed. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,



S/ Derek Phelps
Executive Director

Enclosure

c: Parties and Intervenors

Docket No. 370
Connecticut Siting Council
Pre-hearing Questions

1. Provide a list of Connecticut towns that are included in the "Greater Springfield" geographical area in terms of limited power. (p. A-2)
2. Why was the GSRP the first of the NEEWS projects to be submitted for approval?
3. If Option D of the future Interstate component of the projects were selected, how would the GSRP have to be modified (as stated on page 53 of Report 2 of Volume 5 of the application)?
4. In determining need for the proposed transmission line, did CL&P consider the development of generation projects outside of the north-central Connecticut area? How would the operation of generators in other parts of Connecticut change or reduce the need for the proposed transmission line project?
5. For a typical transition station, how much land out of the two to four acres needed, would contain equipment?
6. Page H-50 of Volume 1 of the application states that an underground transmission cable installed in the overhead line ROW "would require less vegetation clearing than would be required for the overhead line construction along the same route." Please provide more of an explanation as to why this would be.
7. What is included in "permanent" erosion and sedimentation controls, as referred to on page J-6 of Volume 1 of the application?
8. Would the proposed new structures associated with the proposed GSRP be visible from Talcott Mountain State Park?
9. Would the "Trail Management Blueprint" as associated with the Metacomet Trail impact the ability to locate new transmission line structures in the portion of the ROW that crosses the Metacomet Trail?
10. What is the distance and direction of the Marion Wilcox Park, Newgate WMA, Farmington Valley Greenway, Spenser Woods and Fox Run at Copper Hill Golf Course to the nearest portions of the ROW boundaries for the proposed GSRP? How could the proposed project impact those properties?
11. What type of mitigation measures would be used minimize the noise from the modified North Bloomfield Substation?
12. Please estimate the amount of cut and the amount of fill that would be necessary to expand the North Bloomfield Substation.
13. In Volume 2 of the application, on the aerial photographs in Appendix B, what do the small grey squares (shown along or adjacent to the existing transmission line) represent?

14. Has CL&P met with the CT DEP regarding development of appropriate rare species mitigation measures for the GSRP, as stated in the CL&P letter to the DEP dated September 15, 2008 (in Volume 4 of the application)? Has CL&P received a response letter from the CT DEP confirming possession of all data pertaining to rare species and that CL&P's proceedings are consistent with the expectations and goals of the CT DEP relative to the GSRP (as also requested in the letter from CL&P to the CT DEP)?
15. What problems occurred during construction of the Bethel to Norwalk and Middletown to Norwalk line that may pertain to the proposed GSRP as "lessons learned"?
16. What problems have occurred within the underground portion of the Bethel to Norwalk, Middletown to Norwalk line and the Glenbrook cables since operation has begun? Has CL&P changed any procedures for future projects as a result?
17. How long in the future would the proposed GSRP 345-kV loop be adequate to satisfy area requirements before further expansion is necessary?
18. In determining need for the proposed project, were the NRG generating plant in Meriden and the GE Financial generating plant in Oxford assumed to be in service? If not, how would need change if those two plants were in service?
19. Do any wireless telecommunications carrier antennas exist along the ROWs that would be impacted by the proposed GSRP or MMP? If so, identify existing locations?
20. Has CL&P consulted with the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding either the use of state roads for potential underground portions of the proposed route or crossing state roads with overhead lines? Provide details of such consultations.
21. Provide a proposed schedule and manner of overhead transmission line ROW maintenance following installation of the proposed projects.
22. Would erosion and sediment controls be removed from construction areas within 30 days of final site stabilization as recommended in "Best Development Practices: Conserving Pool-Breeding amphibians in residential and commercial developments in the northeastern United States"?
23. Would CL&P comply with recommendations from the CT DEP regarding construction schedules to avoid potential impact to wildlife? How would construction schedules be impacted?
24. How would the use of unauthorized all-terrain vehicles be minimized along the route during and after construction?
25. Would the use of herbicides for maintenance of vegetation be restricted in or near wetlands or waterbodies?
26. What measures would be employed to control any undesirable invasive plants which may become established along areas cleared during construction?

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