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DATE: September 14, 2009
 TO: Parties & Intervenors
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RE: **DOCKET 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.

MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD DOCKET EFSB 08-2/DPU 08-105/08-106 - Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company to construct and operate new overhead 345-kV transmission facilities, two new 115-kV switching stations, modification of existing switching stations & substations, and rebuilding/re-conductoring certain existing overhead transmission lines in the towns of Agawam, Chicopee and Ludlow, and the cities of Springfield and West Springfield and extending to the municipalities of East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow and Wilbraham in the alternative route.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) and the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) will hold joint evidentiary hearings in the above-referenced dockets on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 11:00 AM and on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 1 Bright Meadow Boulevard in Enfield, Connecticut. Based on comments received from participants in both dockets, the Council and the EFSB announce that there will be a joint panel appearance by the applicants, CL&P and WMECO.

The record for the joint hearing shall be comprised of evidentiary material submitted by the applicants and authorized parties and intervenors from both proceedings specifically related to the designated scope of the joint hearing, which shall be limited to the environmental impacts and cost and reliability concerns of the Northern and Southern routes, exclusive of need.

A preliminary hearing program will be developed and disseminated among docket participants for comment in advance of the proceeding.



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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 24, 2009 with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via either e-mail or hard-copy on September 14, 2009.

Dated: September 14, 2009

Lisa Fontaine
Custodian of Docket No. 370