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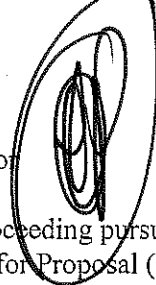
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DATE: September 1, 2009

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

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.

At its meeting held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) determined that the appropriate subject matter for the joint hearings on the above-referenced docket with the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) shall be limited to the environmental impacts and cost and reliability concerns of the Northern and Southern routes, exclusive of need. The issue of need is specifically excluded based on the amount of time already devoted to this topic in previous evidentiary hearings held in July and August.

The Council considered and denied the request of the Office of Consumer Council dated August 20, 2009 to present its witness, Mr. Paul Chernick, at the outset of the joint hearings.

The Council also considered and accepted the request of the Town of Suffield dated August 20, 2009 to file the testimony of the First Selectman, Scott R. Lingenfelter.

The Council will consider additional requests for permission to submit testimony or interrogatories specifically related to the joint hearings at the continued evidentiary hearing scheduled for September 2, 2009. Also, please note that any party or intervenor that is granted permission and intends to submit additional testimony or additional interrogatories specifically related to the joint hearings should pre-file those materials with the Council and other docket participants by Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Adherence to this pre-file deadline is essential.

Additionally, the Council invites comments from parties and intervenors as to the potential appearance of a joint panel of both applicants, CL&P and WMECO, on or before September 11, 2009. The Council also requests parties and intervenors intending to participate and conduct cross examination at the joint hearings to notify the Council on or before September 11, 2009.

A verbatim transcript will be made of this hearing session and be deposited with Town/City Clerk offices within the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, Enfield, Granby, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Suffield, Manchester, Meriden, and Berlin for the convenience of the public.



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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 1, 2009.

Dated: September 1, 2009



Lisa Fontaine
Custodian of Docket No. 370