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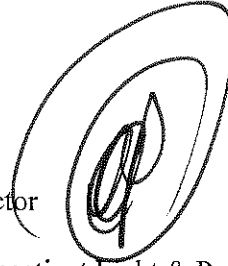
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June 3, 2010

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director



RE: **DOCKET 370A-MR** –The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut.

Comments have been received from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, dated June 2, 2010. A copy of the comment is attached for your review.

SDP/CMW/laf

c: Council Members

Enclosure

June 2, 2010

Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
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RE: Petition for Reconsideration
Manchester-Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project
Connecticut Light and Power Company
Manchester, Connecticut
Docket No. 370-A

Dear Chairman Caruso:

In connection with the above-referenced petition, this department currently has under review applications from Connecticut Light and Power for a Water Quality Certificate and for Stream Channel Encroachment Line approval. These applications are part of the larger application package for the combined Greater Springfield Reliability Project/ Manchester-Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project.

At present, DEP has no information before it concerning the regulatory aspects of the Manchester-Meekville Junction Variant (MMP-V). Review of the two applications for the MMP circuit separation project is not continuing until such time as the Siting Council directs the applicant to pursue either the original MMP or the MMP-V configuration. Coordination between DEP and CL&P and review of the Water Quality Certificate application for the Greater Springfield Reliability Project is continuing at present. One issue which has been identified is the control of invasive species within the right-of-way; other issues may be identified during the course of our review.

Should the Council direct CL&P to construct the MMP-V configuration, the applicant will need to update its hydraulic runs for the Hockanum River floodway to reflect the additional structures placed in the Hop Brook floodway at the southern end of the MMP-V project adjacent to the Manchester Substation.

Overall, the environmental impacts of the MMP and MMP-V configurations will be substantially similar. Most of the additional construction involved in the MMP-V proposal occurs at Meekville Junction. With the exception of one new structure which is shown in Exhibit 7 as within the wetland designated as 15-518, the remaining work at the northern end of the MMP-V configuration will occur in upland areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this petition and to submit these comments to the Council. Should you, other Council members or Council staff have any questions, please feel free to me at (860) 424-4110.

Respectfully yours,

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Senior Environmental Analyst

cc: Commissioner Amey Marrella



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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 November 13, 2009 with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via either e-mail or hard-copy on June 3, 2010.

Dated: June 3, 2010

Lisa Fontaine
Custodian of Docket No. 370