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Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

**Re: Docket 424
Development and Management Plan
Interstate Reliability Project**

Dear Mr. Stein:

On behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (“CL&P” or “Company”) and pursuant to the conditions of the Connecticut Siting Council’s December 27, 2012 Decision and Order in Docket 424 for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project (“IRP”), I enclose an original and 15 copies of CL&P’s Development and Management Plan (“D&M Plan”) for New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines. This Plan consists of a narrative text volume with appendices, a volume of project-wide approvals, plans, guidelines and specifications, and a volume of D&M Plan drawings. CL&P requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) review and approve the enclosed Development and Management Plan per its Rules and Regulations.

As required by the Council’s Opinion in Docket 424 for the IRP, a draft copy of this D&M Plan and a companion substations D&M Plan¹ were sent to the service-list representatives of each party and intervenor in Docket 424 on June 3, 2013, unless service was waived, and to the chief elected officials of the towns of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam and Thompson. Town comments were solicited in CL&P’s transmittal letter, and the locations and dates of then-upcoming public review sessions were announced. In cooperation with each chief elected official, public reviews of the draft D&M Plans have taken place, including individual meetings with officials in each town.

Sessions for the public to review the draft D&M Plans with knowledgeable Company representatives were held at the Mansfield Community Center on June 12, 2013 and at the Quinebaug Valley Senior Center in Brooklyn on June 13, 2013. The draft D&M Plans were also available for review at each town’s library and on the web at www.NEEWSprojects.com. Invitations to the public review meetings were mailed two weeks in advance to project abutters and other nearby residents. Invitations to the public review sessions were also extended to state and local legislators, local Chambers of Commerce and other area business organizations, the CT Forest and Parks Association, and other interested environmental groups. Details on

¹ CL&P’s D&M Plan for Modifications to the Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station and Killingly Substation was submitted to the Council on August 1, 2013.

the public review sessions along with an open public invitation were included on the Project's web site, and sandwich-board sign notices of the public review sessions were placed at the event facilities. Furthermore, CL&P issued advertisements and news releases in area newspapers announcing the sessions, which prompted media coverage.

At the eleven libraries and at the two public review meetings, comment cards were available for the public's use in making written comments on the D&M Plans. Copies of written comments received by CL&P on or before July 9, 2010 were mailed to the chief elected official of the commenter's town on June 27, 2013, July 1, 2013 and July 10, 2013. The Town of Mansfield also sent written comments on July 1, 2013, and the Town Manager of Coventry sent letters concerning one property on June 26, 2013 and August 7, 2013. All of the written comments received by CL&P concern the transmission line portion of the IRP and are included in Volume 2 of the transmission lines D&M Plan.

CL&P revised the draft transmission lines D&M Plan in July and August, based on new information, and included changes to address the written comments it received, if possible and reasonable and in accord with the Council's decision documents. Since the D&M Plan Public Review meetings, CL&P's project representatives also engaged in follow-up meetings or information exchanges with some of the residents, including many who did not put their comments or questions in writing. Furthermore, CL&P concluded its consultations with owners of active farmlands and conducted consultations with owners of off-right-of-way land that might be used for construction access roads, the results of which are reflected in the current draft D&M Plan.

Going forward CL&P may propose refinements to the D&M Plan consistent with the Council's Decision and Order, as it further works with landowners and other stakeholders, and would do so using the Project Change Approval Process that is included in the enclosed D&M Plan.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager
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