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Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
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RE: Docket No. 424: Interstate Reliability Project  
Card Street Substation Drainage Swale (Formerly Part of Wetland W21-15)  
Notification of Regulatory Change: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Connecticut Department  
of Energy and Environmental Protection Determinations that Swale is a Non-Jurisdictional

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to the conditions of the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council's") September 20, 2013 approval of the *Development and Management ("D&M") Plan for the Interstate Reliability Project ("Interstate" or "Project") Modifications to Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation* and November 4, 2013 approval of the *Interstate D&M Plan for the Construction of New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P") hereby notifies the Council that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") has determined that the drainage swale that borders portions of the Card Street Substation is not a regulated water resource subject to its jurisdiction. Further, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("CT DEEP") has found that its concurrence with the USACE's jurisdictional ruling is not required and CL&P's proposed maintenance of the existing swale does not require CT DEEP authorization.

Based on information provided by CL&P, the USACE determined that the swale, which was established in the 1960s as part of the substation's original stormwater management system, is not part of Wetland W21-15 (as depicted on the D&M Plan maps), but rather is a drainage ditch. Thus, CL&P activities to maintain the man-made swale as part of the substation's drainage / stormwater management system do not require agency authorization.

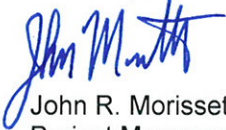
Please note that while Wetland W21-15 is illustrated on the Project D&M Plan maps, no Interstate construction activities (i.e., work related to either the new transmission line installation or Card Street Substation modifications) were originally or are now proposed as part of the Project. CL&P does plan to conduct maintenance activities to restore the effectiveness of the swale as part of the substation's drainage management system.

Attachment A includes CL&P's July 22, 2014 correspondence to CT DEEP and the USACE depicting the location of the ditch adjacent to Card Street Substation. On August 15, 2014, CT DEEP notified CL&P that a formal Technical Plan Revision to the Interstate 401 Water Quality Certification (as requested by CL&P in the July 22, 2014 correspondence) was not required in order for CL&P to conduct maintenance work on the existing swale, which had already been deemed non-jurisdictional by the USACE.

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Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [john.morissette@nu.com](mailto:john.morissette@nu.com) or telephone at (860) 728-4532.

Sincerely,



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**ATTACHMENT A**

**CORRESPONDENCE TO CT DEEP, INCLUDING MAPS OF CARD  
STREET SUBSTATION SWALE**

