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

RE: Docket No. 424: Interstate Reliability Project
Monthly Construction Progress Report

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to RCSA Section 16-50j-62(b)(3) and as described in Volume 1, Section 7, of the Development and Management ("D&M") Plans for the Interstate Reliability Project ("Interstate"): Substation Modifications and New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines, The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P") hereby provides to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") a copy of the Construction Progress Report for the month of November 2013.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or telephone at 860-665-2036.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**INTERSTATE RELIABILITY PROJECT
MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
NOVEMBER 2013**

MODIFICATIONS TO SUBSTATIONS AND SWITCHING STATIONS

On November 4, 2013, ES Boulos initiated limited construction associated with the installation of temporary bus work at Card Street Substation in Lebanon, CT. This work involved site excavation, installation of temporary structures and conductor, all inside the station fence. The work was successfully completed on November 26, during a planned outage. The attached Table 1 summarizes the status of this construction work. The temporary bus work will be energized in March 2014.

No further construction work is scheduled for the Card Street Substation this year. Deliveries of materials, specifically circuit breakers at Card Street Substation, are expected in December. Similarly, except for material deliveries as needed, no construction work was performed in November or is planned for the remainder of this year at Lake Road Switching Station in Killingly or Killingly Substation.

NEW 345-kV TRANSMISSION LINES AND RELATED MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO ADJACENT LINES

Transmission line construction is not expected to begin until after receipt of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 of the Clean Water Act permit, which is expected to be received in March 2014.

MINOR D&M PLAN CHANGES

As described in the D&M Plan, Volume 1, Section 7.2, Notice of Changes to D&M Plan, the following have limited impacts and are identified as non-significant D&M Plan changes.

- Reduction in size and modification to the location of planned exclusionary silt fencing at one of the five approved laydown yards (87 Boston Post Road, North Windham). A revised laydown site map was provided to Council staff on November 27.
- Modification to the text of *D&M Plan for New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, Volume 1, Section 5.4 (Protection Measures for State-Listed Species), Sections 5.4.2 Eastern Ribbon Snake and 5.4.3 Eastern Hognose Snake, to clarify that daily pre-construction investigations of workspaces for these two species can be performed by Project personnel in general. (The current D&M Plan text states that the daily inspections will be performed by a CL&P Environmental Inspector.)

This correction will make the D&M Plan consistent with the *State-Listed Species Technical Memorandum* that was approved by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and is referenced in the CT DEEP's 401 Water Quality Certification for the Project (refer to the D&M Plan, Volume 2, Attachment G, p. 2).

The modified D&M Plan text for **Site-Specific Impact Avoidance and Minimization Measures** is:

Section 5.4.2:

During the Eastern ribbon snake's active period (April 1 through October 31), all active construction work spaces within or near the portions of the ROW listed above will be investigated daily prior to the commencement of construction activities. Any Eastern ribbon snakes found within active construction workspaces shall only be removed by a Project Environmental Inspector, who is designated and qualified to do so. If it is necessary to move a snake from an active work space, it will be moved to a safe location in the general vicinity of the ROW.

Section 5.4.3:

During the Eastern hognose snake's active period (April 1 through October 31), all active construction work spaces within or near the portions of the ROW listed above will be investigated daily prior to the commencement of construction activities. Any Eastern hognose snakes found within active construction workspaces shall only be removed by a Project Environmental Inspector, who is designated and qualified to do so. If it is necessary to move a snake from an active work space, it will be moved to a safe location in the general vicinity of the ROW.

