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April 30, 2012

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 424** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation.

Dear Mr. Carberry:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than May 18, 2012. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office including an electronic filing in .pdf format. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. A list of parties and intervenors dated April 26, 2012, is enclosed. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Roberts".

Linda Roberts
Executive Director

Enclosure

c: Parties and Intervenors

Docket No. 424
Connecticut Siting Council
Pre-hearing Interrogatories
Set Two

27. Page 5-77 of Vol. 1 of the application discusses the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor. Are there any specific restrictions on development within the Corridor? What specific places crossed by the proposed and/or existing CL&P ROW are considered historic, recreational, cultural, natural and scenic resources of the Corridor?
28. Has CL&P received any comments from the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc. on the proposed project? If so, please provide.
29. What is the total increase in flood storage that would result from the construction of the proposed project?
30. Page 6-40 of Vol. 1 of the application states that "New line structures would be situated in an additional 10 wetlands that include areas that function as vernal pools or amphibian breeding habitat; however no structures are anticipated to result in impacts to vernal pools." Please clarify this statement. How would CL&P minimize or eliminate impact to these vernal pools?
31. What is CL&P's policy on bird nests found on transmission line structures? Does the presence of these nests cause any problems with operation?
32. Referring to Table 6-6 on page 6-46 of Vol. 1 of the application, under the column "Habitat (Nesting/Breeding/Active Periods)" are the month ranges provided periods to avoid construction?
33. Page 6-60 of Vol. 1 of the application states that CL&P has reviewed the *Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 2005-2010*. Is there a more recent version of this Plan? If so, are there any changes to the in the Plan to the areas that would be impacted by the proposed project?
34. In "post-NEEWS" electric and magnetic field calculations, what projects are included? Do the calculations include the GSRP and MMP as approved?
35. In the Tables on pages 7B-18 and 7B-19 in Vol. 1 of the application, how is the cost per section determined? Do the section costs use the cost per mile for each of the line configurations that were provided on pages 7B-9 through 7B-12?
36. What caused the delay in CL&P's filing of the Interstate Project given that the initial Municipal Consultation Filing occurred in 2008?
37. What is the current status of ISO-New England's assessment of Need for the proposed project?
38. CL&P's response to Council interrogatory 10 provides a table with a note stating that the company has changed its preference for the configuration proposed to cross the Mansfield Hollow properties to the Minimal ROW Expansion Option. What was the reason for this change? Is CL&P's originally preferred option through Mansfield Hollow now to be eliminated from consideration by the Council?
39. Does the Table provided in response to Council interrogatory #10 account for the now CL&P-preferred Minimal ROW Expansion Option?

40. What list does CL&P use in determining what invasive species would be controlled along the proposed construction area?
41. Other than the Hawthorne Lane variation, has CL&P investigated a possible land swap with any private property owners along the proposed route?

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