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Re: Docket No. 424

The Connecticut Light & Power Company's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project

Dear Ms. Bachman,

I write on behalf of the Applicant (CL&P) to provide the Council and parties and intervenors in the above matter with advance notice of a procedural suggestion that CL&P expects to make at the re-convened hearing scheduled for June 26, 2012.

The CL&P witnesses concerning engineering, design, siting, construction, municipal consultations, outreach, EMF, and environmental effects have completed two days of cross-examination, and we expect to resume on June 26th with completion of the cross-examination by Richard and Victor Civie. Yesterday, CL&P made several supplemental filings that were promised to the Council in the course of the initial hearings, or requested in the Council's memorandum of June 7, 2012. In addition, CL&P has been advised by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) that DEEP expects to file comments concerning environmental aspects of the proposed project this week. We expect that Council, parties, and intervenors will have some questions for the panel now testifying with respect to at least some of these filings; and that there will be some re-direct of the CL&P witnesses related to their previous testimony and their testimony on these subjects as well.



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I would expect that the testimony outlined in the previous paragraph will consume all of the June 26 hearing day. However, it is possible that the examinations could conclude on that day, or if not, early on the next scheduled day, which is June 28. That would mean that the only remaining witnesses in CL&P's case would be those concerning Need and System Alternatives. As CL&P has previously advised the Council and the other participants in this docket, the Independent System Operator – New England (ISO-NE) is currently engaged in an updated review of the need for the Interstate Reliability Project, and expects to announce the results of that review by July 9. 2012. Because the methodology and results of this updated analysis have not yet been disclosed, the Need testimony that CL&P has filed is necessarily inconclusive. While any available time on June 28 could be used to cross-examine the Need panel, that effort could be somewhat inefficient and frustrating, since the witnesses would have to defer answers to the most relevant questions. Therefore, should the non-Need evidence conclude or be almost finished at the end of the June 26 hearing, CL&P expects to request that the Council not proceed with Need and System Alternatives witnesses on June 28. The Council might wish to consider cancelling the hearing scheduled for that day; adjourning it early if some portion of the day is required to conclude the testimony of the non-Need witnesses; or using the remaining time for some other purpose.

Assuming that ISO-NE provides the results of the work now underway by July 9, which CL&P fully expects it will, it should be possible to resume with Need testimony in the latter part of July.

I hope that this advance notice of the request CL&P expects to make will be useful to the Council and to the other docket participants.

Very truly yours,

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cc: CSC Service List dated June 4, 2012



NOTICE OF SERVICE

I hereby affirm that a copy of this letter was sent to each Party and Intervenor on the service list dated June 4, 2012, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via e-mail and U.S. mail on June 20, 2012.

Dated: June 20, 2012

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