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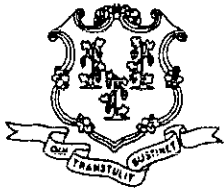
RE: **DOCKET NO. 424** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, 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.

Comments have been received from the Department of Transportation, dated February 23, 2012. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

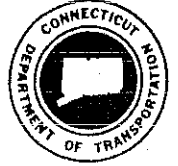
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Mr. Anthony P. Mele
Project Manager
The Connecticut Light and Power Company
107 Selden Street
Berlin, CT 06037

Dear Mr. Mele:

Subject: The Interstate Reliability Project for the Proposed Transmission Line Route Variations
Docket No. 424

The Department of Transportation (Department) has reviewed Connecticut Light & Power's (CL&P) application for the proposed Interstate Reliability Project for the route variations of the new 345-kV transmission lines in Connecticut.

As stated in your application, over the last eight years, CL&P has installed underground transmission facilities along various state roads (not limited access highways). The implementation of these utility installations within the roadway has created major coordination and delay problems for the Department's roadway improvement projects. Therefore, the Department opposes any proposal for the installation of any underground or overhead utility facilities within its highway right of way.

Based on historical evidence, facilities of this type become a significant impediment and constraint when designing state projects. For example, the size of the proposed trench excavation (approximately 7- to 10-foot depth and a 5-foot width) for transmission duct bank and splicing vaults (10-foot wide by 10-foot deep and up to 32-feet in length--one vault per three cables) will have a major impact on the traveling public and future roadway improvements projects. As stated in the application, the Department will not allow the installation of these splicing vaults (three vaults at 1,600-foot intervals) within the highway right of way.

Additional information concerning the established criteria for the longitudinal installation of utility facilities within the right of way of limited access highways is contained in the Department's publication entitled, "Utility Accommodation Manual, dated February 2009, which is available on-line at <http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dutilities/ACCOMODATION.pdf>.

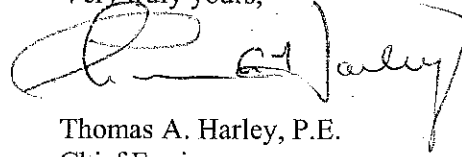
Mr. Anthony P. Mele

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call Mr. Sohrab Afrazi, Transportation Principal Engineer, Utilities Section, at (860) 594-3262.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. A. Harley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Thomas A. Harley, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

cc: Robert Stein, Chairman - Connecticut Siting Council

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