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TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts
Executive Director

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.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received correspondence concerning the above-referenced application from the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB).

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50/(b), a copy of the application was submitted to the CEAB for their review. In the event that the CEAB does not avail themselves of the opportunity to attain party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, their correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding.

Therefore, a copy of their correspondence is being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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Enclosure



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April 23, 2012

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Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am responding to your letter of April 9, 2012, which was directed to me as chair of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board ("CEAB" or the "Board"). Your letter questions the action of the Board in its decision not to seek a request for alternative proposals ("RFP") with respect to the transmission line proposal submitted by Northeast Utilities to the Connecticut Siting Council in Docket No. 424. You also state that the minutes for the February 1, 2012 CEAB meeting do not state a substantive grounds for the Board's decision with respect to the RFP.

We disagree with your assertions. As reflected in the minutes, the CEAB was not reconstituted by January 9, 2012, the last day for it to act on the RFP under CGS § 16a-7c(b). (Indeed, our first organizational meeting as a new board was at that February 1, 2012 meeting, when we elected officers and identified the newly-appointed members.) The Board thus had no legal authority on February 1, 2012, to issue an RFP. Any attempt to issue an RFP would have been unauthorized by law. This is clearly stated in the minutes.

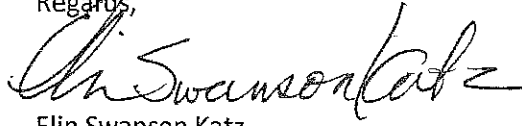
Nonetheless, it was within the spirit of the CEAB to discuss the procedures for issuance of RFPs and to review past experience with RFPs, in part to educate new members of the Board such as myself. We then took a vote to see members' preferences on an RFP, which you see reflected in the minutes. However, since there was no authority at that time to issuance an RFP, further delineation of each member's rationale is unnecessary.

You also question the notice given for the meeting. The OCC took the lead on publicizing the organizing meeting simply because a member needed to take the initiative. We notified the members and posted notice of the meeting on the Secretary of State's website on January 25, 2012. We were unable to post it on the old CEAB website because that site is in fact inactive at this time, until we get a budget approved to reactivate it.

Nonetheless, I appreciate your concerns, and we are working to get the CEAB's budget approved. We hope to have a robust website up and running as soon as possible. We will also work to develop a new service list and place you on it.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elin Swanson Katz", written in a cursive style.

Elin Swanson Katz
Consumer Counsel

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