

April 23, 2004

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Chairman
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Re: Docket No. 272 – Connecticut Light and Power Company and United Illuminating Company Application for a New 345-kV Electric Transmission Line Between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk

Dear Chairman Katz:

Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General for the State of Connecticut, hereby responds to a request made by Chairman Katz during the March 25, 2004 hearing in the above-referenced proceeding. During that hearing, Chairman Katz asked the Attorney General to make inquiry regarding the information provided by the New York State Department of Health (“NYS DOH”) on its website entitled “Power Lines Project – Questions and Answers” (“Q&A”). Specifically, Chairman Katz requested that the Attorney General inquire about the representation in that document that “there are more than 230 research projects underway.”

On March 26, 2004, the undersigned contacted the NYS DOH. On April 16, 2004, I received the attached written response from Mark Virgil, Associate Radiological Health Specialist for the NYS DOH. This response states that “[t]he NYS DOH is in the process of updating the information on its website” regarding the Q&A, and that until that updating process is completed, “individuals should refer to the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences EMF RAPID Program for information and guidance on this topic.”

In addition, despite my specific request, this written response did not directly address the basis for the statement regarding 230 ongoing research projects. When asked about this issue directly, Mr. Virgil surmised verbally that the reference to ongoing research was likely dated and probably referred to the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences EMF RAPID Program. At the same time, however, Mr. Virgil made clear that because

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the NYS DOH is reconsidering this entire issue, it has no comment on the information that is contained in the Q&A.

Very truly yours,

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