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Honorable Pamela B. Katz, Chairman
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Subject: Docket #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:

During the July 28, 2004 hearing in the above referenced docket, the Connecticut Siting Council ("Siting Council") requested the Connecticut Department of Transportation ("DOT") to respond to a number of questions and to provide the Siting Council with additional information. Please find below the requests made by the Siting Council and the DOT's responses to those requests.

The Siting Council asked the DOT to provide the number of miles of state roads and local roads for the DOT's preferred alternative route and the Applicants' proposed routes.

1. Number of miles of local roads:
 - a. Applicants' proposal has 7.6 miles of local road;
 - b. DOT proposal has 20.8 miles of local road.

2. Number of miles of State roads:
 - a. Applicants' proposal has 14.9 miles of State roads;
 - b. DOT proposal has 4.8 miles of State roads.

The Siting Council also asked the DOT to consult with the Applicants and the towns (Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport and Norwalk) traversed by the DOT's preferred alternate route for the purpose of identifying a mutually acceptable route and providing the Siting Council with an August 19th progress report followed by a final "agreed upon" route by the September 8-9 hearings.

The Applicants, as represented to the Siting Council, coordinated the efforts to schedule a meeting with the four towns and the DOT on August 19, 2004. The purpose of the meeting is to identify a mutually acceptable route based on the Applicants' proposed routes and DOT's preferred alternative route.

The Siting Council asked the DOT to provide the applicants and the Siting Council with a list of:

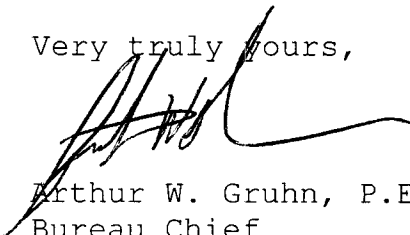
- a. planned DOT projects along the Applicants' proposed routes (Route 1 corridor);
- b. planned municipal projects (if known to the DOT) along the applicant's proposed routes(Route 1 corridor); and
- c. plans submitted to the State Traffic Commission ("STC") for developments along the Applicants' proposed routes (Route 1 corridor).

Please find enclosed a spread sheet with the planned DOT projects within the Applicant's entire proposed routes, along with a plan for development submitted to the STC. At the present time, the DOT is unaware of any planned municipal projects along the Applicants' proposed route.

Finally, as requested by the Siting Council, the DOT is providing 11" x 17" plan sheets of the DOT's preferred alternative route to the Siting Council, the Applicants and the four towns traversed by the DOT's preferred alternate route.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or requests.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur W. Gruhn', written over the typed name.

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