

Ms. Pamela B. Katz, P.E.
Connecticut Siting Council Chairman
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

December 30, 2004

Re: Docket No. 272 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a new 345-kV electric transmission line and associated facilities between the Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and the Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Chairman Katz:

The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the City of Middletown for a bypass (the “Royal Oak Bypass”) around the Royal Oak subdivision which includes a significant number of Middletown residents. Middletown wishes to be very clear, however, in stating that its preferred configuration for any facilities which may be approved in this proceeding is an all-underground configuration, insofar as such facilities pass through the City of Middletown.

Additionally, the Council should understand that the support expressed herein for the Royal Oak Bypass is conditioned upon a requirement that the existing 115 kV lines within the Royal Oak subdivision be relocated into the Royal Oak Bypass, so that the Middletown residents of the Royal Oak subdivision not be “bracketed” by the EMF and other adverse effects of both the existing 115kV lines and the 345 kV lines in the Royal Oak Bypass.

This support is without waiver of Middletown’s preferred underground configuration previously communicated to the Council.

Middletown appreciates the Council’s consideration of the requests set forth herein.

Very truly yours,

Domenique S. Thornton, Mayor

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cc: Maryann Boord, Durham First Selectwoman
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