

December 23, 2004

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

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 submits this letter in support of the letter filed December 22, 2004 by Woodbridge, Milford, Orange, Cheshire, Durham and Wallingford ("Towns") concerning the schedule of proceedings in the above-referenced matter. In that letter, the Towns objected to the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council") schedule of January hearings, and most particularly to the hearings concerning the Reliability and Operability Committee's ("ROC") Final Report.

The Attorney General agrees that the current schedule in this proceeding does not allow adequate time to conduct discovery concerning the ROC Final Report and does not allow time for the Council's expert, KEMA, or parties to this case to present evidence in response to the ROC Report. The ROC Final Report should not be the last word in this case on the issue of undergrounding. Rather, the Council, its experts, and all participants in this case must be provided a reasonable opportunity to scrutinize and test that Report. Accordingly, the Attorney General supports the request made by the Towns that the Council ensure that all participants in this proceeding are afforded a full and fair opportunity to review and rebut the ROC Final

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Report. The Attorney General also agrees that the Council should direct its expert, KEMA, to conduct its own, independent review of the ROC Final Report.

Very truly yours,

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