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SITING COUNCIL

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

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 Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut Including the Reconstruction of Portions of Existing 115-kV and 345-kV Electric Transmission Lines, the Construction of the Beseck Switching Station in Wallingford, East Devon Substation in Milford, and Singer Substation in Bridgeport, Modifications at Scovill Rock Switching Station and Norwalk Substation and the Reconfiguration of Certain Interconnections.

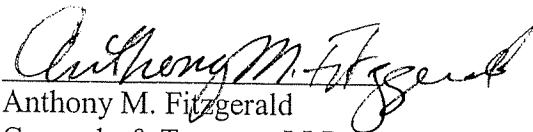
Dear Chairman Katz:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company (together, the "Companies") have reviewed the proposed deliberation schedule issued by the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") on December 16, 2004. The Companies suggest that the Council provide for written exceptions to be filed by docket participants no later than one week after the Council's deliberation of its decision and order. As the schedule provides for that deliberation to occur on March 10, 2005, written exceptions would be filed no later than March 17, 2005. While docket participants would not have the obligation to file written exceptions, they would have the right to do so. The Companies believe that written exceptions will assist the Council and participants in understanding the nature, scope and specifics of issues the participants wish the Council to address further. Written exceptions will facilitate the oral arguments scheduled for March 24, 2005.


The proposed schedule also does not provide for the submissions of reply briefs. If the Council were to find that reply briefs would be useful in the drafting of the findings of fact, decision and order, then the Companies suggest that reply briefs be due February 28, 2005, which is one week after briefs are filed. This would result in the first day of Council deliberations occurring on March 3, 2005 rather than February 24, 2005.

Very truly yours,

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