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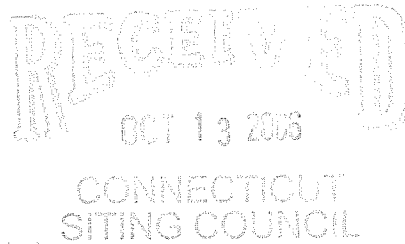
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October 6, 2006

The Honorable Daniel F. Caruso  
Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051



Dear Chairman Caruso:

Re: RE: **DOCKET NO. 272** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company 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. **Development and Management Plan - Crossings of Watercourses and Railroads in Segments 3, 4a and 4b.**

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed utility bridges for Ash Creek, Mill River and Sasco Creek in Fairfield. As a State Representative for the 136<sup>th</sup> District, a member of the Environment Committee and while a resident of Westport I am also a property owner in Fairfield, I believe the environmental impact to the waterways and wetlands is unacceptable. Use of the "open cut process" would have significantly less impact than the construction of the footings required for the utility bridges in the waterways and wetlands.

To my knowledge I do not believe that the utility bridges have not been disclosed prior to the approval from the Siting Council. Public disclosure and discussion should be part of the open process regarding this project. I am aware there are many other legal objections to the utility bridges before one or more of our governmental agencies, and I support those challenges as well.

The Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Governor's Office, if necessary, should try to develop an approach that works better for all interested parties.

I urge you to give the various parties time pursue a more balanced and preferred alternatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Mioli".

Joseph Mioli  
State Representative  
136<sup>th</sup> District - Westport

cc: Governor M. Jodi Rell  
Commissioner Gina McCarthy  
Commissioner Ralph Carpenter