Docket No. 272 - Development and Management Plan Inspection

The Connecticut Light and Power 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 reconstruction of portions of existing 115-kV and 345-kV electric transmission line, the construction of 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.

Segment 2a Inspection

Date: November 20, 2007

Inspector: Matthew Creighton

Location: Segment 2a - Beseck Switching Station to Cheshire/Hamden Town Line

Rainfall: 0.67" of precipitation was recorded in the week prior to inspection with 0.41" of the total

reported on 11/15 (NOAA data at Meriden, CT).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access roads and adjacent roadways	Timber mats are in place at wetland crossings and staging areas. 11/20/07	See Erosion Control Section for more details 11/20/07	Not applicable (NA)
Carpenter Ln. to Rte 68	South of Carpenter Ln, some timber mat & stone staging areas remain within wetlands. Sediment is accumulating along controls at drainage ditch. 8/28-11/13/07 Turbid run-off was noted in the wetlands for several weeks, each following a rain event. 11/6-11/20/07	Add controls as needed along the wetlands. See the erosion control section for more details. 11/20/07	Needs attention
	A culvert remains in place at a small access road stream crossing to reach several pad sites between High Hill Rd. and Carpenter Ln. 11/20/07	Add controls as needed along the access road. Monitor stream for sediment. Wetland crossings will need to be restored at the end of the project. 11/20/07	NA
Durham Rd. Liney Hall Ln.	An equipment bridge crossing remains over the Muddy River tributary and a second bridge is in place off Liney Hall Rd. to access structure #24272. 11/20/07	Continue to monitor and add controls as needed. 11/20/07	NA
Williams Rd. to East	Stone is in place for	Stone should be removed	NA

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Center St.	access at a previously mowed area off Williams Rd. 11/20/07	and lawn area should be restored upon completion of the project work. 11/20/07	
S. Tumpike + Merritt Parkway Area; Mansion Rd.; Durham Rd.; Stony Brook; Carpenter Ln.; Pent Rd.; Oliver Creek Rd.	No sediment tracking was noted on any of these roadways and the adjacent areas appear stable. Stone construction entrance pads remain in place at entrances. 11/20/07	Continue to monitor entrances and sweep as needed. 11/20/07	NA
Pond Hill Rd. Docker Dr.	Timber mats remain in place at the wetland crossings off Pond HillRd. Turbid water was noted pooling against controls off Docker. Dr. 11/6-11/20/07	Continue to monitor entrances and sweep as needed. Add controls adjacent to the crossing and along slopes as necessary. 11/20/07	Needs additional attention.
Mansion Rd to Tuttle Ave.	A culvert remains in place to help prevent ponding in the access road. Water bars remain in place across the access road to slow and filter stormwater. 11/20/07	Monitor the area and add controls if needed. 11/20/07	NA at this time.
Old Farms Road	Plywood is being used on driveways crossing the ROW to reduce the impact from equipment. 11/20/07	Continue to monitor for sediment on roadway and driveways; continue to use rubber mats or plywood to protect driveways. 11/20/07	NA
	Turbid water was noted flowing onto the roadway from an exposed slope at structure #24209 in the ROW. The run-off was entering a catch basin. 11/6-11/20/07	Additional controls are needed along the slope and access road in the ROW to contain sediment. Ensure proper controls are in the catch basin. 11/20/07	Needs attention.
	Hydroseed remains along the exposed soils at the edge of the roadway. 11/20/07	Continue to monitor until stabilization is achieved. 11/20/07	
Old Farms Rd. (115kV Underground trench- work)	The edge of one homeowner's driveway that was damaged during construction still needs	Sweep roadway as needed as long as work occurs in the area. Repair the damaged driveway. 9/6-	Needs attention.

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	repair. 9/6-11/20/07	11/20/07	
	The 2 nd damaged driveway was repaired with asphalt. However, the damaged portion was originally a brick paver and should be consistent 9/6-11/20/07	Repair the driveway to the satisfaction of the landowner (e.g replace appropriate material). 9/6-11/20/07	Needs attention
Foundation and site		_	_
construction Carpenter Lane, High Hill Rd., Rt 68	No new work off Carpenter Ln since crews removed one pad site and added seed and hay. 11/20/07	See erosion control section and continue to restore the area. 11/20/07	See erosion control section
Durham Rd. Liney Hall Lane Williams Rd to East Center St.	Foundation/pole work appears complete from Durham to Williams Rd. Crews were installing grounding wires off Durham Rd. 11/20/07	Monitor and maintain controls when working around wetlands. Stabilized disturbed areas within timeframes when work is complete. 11/20/07	NA
Tamarack Swamp Rd.	No new work since the foundation was installed within wetlands. 11/20/07	Monitor controls and add more as needed. See erosion control section for more details. 11/20/07	See erosion control section
Pond Hill Rd. & Docker Dr. (I 91 – Rte. 5)	No new work since line installation was completed. 11/20/07	See EC section for more detail. 11/20/07	See erosion control section
Pent Rd. & Oliver Creek Rd.	No new activity since line work was underway, moving into the landfill 11/20/07	Add/adjust controls as necessary. 11/20/07	NA
S. Tumpike + Merritt Parkway Area	Pole installation is complete. 11/20/07	See erosion control section. 11/20/07	NA
Mansion Rd. Apple Orchard	Crews were reclaiming pad sites within the Orchard during the inspection. 11/20/07	Monitor exposed areas and stabilize sufficiently for the D&M plans 11/20/07	Crews were reclaiming pad sites.
Old Farms Rd.	Line work underway at the underground transition area. 11/20/07	Controls are needed at the transition area. See erosion control section. 11/20/07	See erosion control section
Erosion and sediment	Sediment accumulation	Remove any accumulated	Needs attention
controls	was noted here at	sediment and stabilize the	Temporary stabilization

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Carpenter Ln. to Rt. 68	controls (since 6/19). During rain events, turbid water continues to be noted within wetlands. Haybales have deteriorated and can no longer filter sediment. 11/6-11/20/07	area. 6/19-11/13/07 Replace controls and reinforce them around disturbed areas along the wetlands and access roads. Any areas where work will not return for 21 days needs temp. stabilization. 11/6-11/20/07	requires more than silt fence/haybales in place
	Some areas remain exposed following partial restoration efforts in the area. Turbid run-off was noted flowing into the wetlands. Controls are needed around the pad. 11/6-11/20/07	Add controls adjacent to wetlands. Any areas where work will not return for 21 days need temporary stabilization. 11/6-11/20/07 This area is at 21 days. 11/20/07	Needs attention.
Durham Rd.	Controls remain intact along the access road and bridge south of Durham Rd. Exposed soils were graded and seeded in some areas. 11/20/07	Monitor and add controls as needed adjacent to wetlands. 11/20/07	NA
Liney Hall Ln.	Timber mats and fiber rolls remain in place and a bridge is in place across Muddy Brook. 11/20/07	Monitor and add controls along the road as needed. Stabilize area impacted by timber mats. 11/20/07	Monitor closely and increase controls as needed.
	Concrete testing samples were removed from the wetland according to the contractor. 11/20/07	See spill section for more details on the concrete. 11/20/07	Concrete was removed according to the contractor:
Williams Rd to East Center St.	Timber mats and silt fence remain in place at the Stony Brook site access. The continued disturbance/fill of the exposed soil adjacent to wetlands off Williams Rd. was determined to be related to the landowner activities. No controls were added. 11/20/07	Attempt to add appropriate controls between the exposed soil and the undisturbed portion of wetlands even though landowner activities continue here 11/20/07	Most issues are related to the landowner but attempt to improve if feasible
Tamarack Swamp Rd.	A pad and foundation remain within wetlands with an adjacent area of standing water. Sediment from the foundation work	Carefully pull back and remove remaining sediment from beyond the silt fence as soon as possible. 10/30	Additional attention is needed.

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	had been pushed over the existing controls (noted 10/23), so new silt fence was added (10/30) to contain it. However, some sediment remains beyond the fence. 11/6-11/20/07	11/20/07	
Woodhouse Ave. Harrison Rd.	The previous stockpile area off Woodhouse Ave. remains mulched and seeded with controls in place. Some vehicle tracks were noted in the reclaimed areas. 11/20/07	Monitor controls until area is stabilized. Avoid access once an area is temporarily or permanently stabilized. 11/20/07	NA at this time.
	Controls, including several large fiber rolls remain along the slope and at the sediment trap. The large gully on the slope should be addressed. 9/25-11/20/07	Continue to monitor and adjust controls as needed. The eroded gully should be graded and stabilized to avoid undermining the controls. 10/2-11/20/07	Gully needs evaluation/ attention.
	A portion of the soil stockpile off Harrison Rd. was removed. Controls are in place around the remainder. The planted shrubs along the stream channel are in good shape. 11/20/07	Maintain controls and monitor exposed soils. Temporarily stabilize areas if work activities will not return within 21 days. 11/20/07	Some of the stockpile has been removed.
Pond Hill Rd. & Docker Dr. (I 91 – Rte. 5)	Silt fence was installed downgradient of a pad site. Small ruts noted at the edge of the pad. 11/20/07	Monitor new controls for effectiveness. 11/20/07	Silt fence added.
	Turbid water was noted ponding at the edge of the controls off Docker Dr. Large areas of exposed soils had previously been seeded but it appears most seed/mulch has washed away. 11/6-11/20/07	Maintain controls. Additional mulch is needed this time of year to encourage stabilization 11/6-11/20/07	Needs evaluation/ attention.
Old Farms Rd.	Turbid run-off was noted again this week, flowing from exposed soil near	Stabilize disturbed areas to the extent feasible. Add controls as needed to	Needs attention

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	structure #24209 into catch basins in the roadway and eventually to off-site wetlands. 11/6-11/20/07	contain sediment and filter run-off. Monitor receiving catch basins controls. A culvert should be considered at driveway crossings to reduce run-off. 11/6-11/20/07	
Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation	Jurisdictional wetlands can be accessed now that ACOE permit is in hand.	Approved work in wetlands will follow the permit guidelines. 11/20/07	NA
	Sections of ROW are located within the McKenzie Watershed Protection District of the Town of Wallingford from existing pole #8798 to Beseck SS. 11/20/07	This area should be closely monitored. Monitor equipment for leaks whenever working in these sensitive areas. Refuel and store equipment outside of the district. 11/20/07	Needs to be monitored
Carpenter Ln. to Rte 68	Timber mat staging areas and several structures are in place within wetlands off Carpenter Ln. Sediment was noted accumulating at controls at the wetland edge (since 5/8) However, controls are now deteriorating and turbid water was noted within the wetland as a result of run-off from surrounding disturbed areas. 11/6-11/20/07	Remove sediment from wetlands before removing controls. Monitor for runoff. 5/8-11/13/07 Replace the deteriorating controls and reinforce controls between the exposed work areas and the wetlands. Remove accumulated sediment. 11/6-11/13/07 Exposed areas need to be temporarily stabilized if work will not return in 21 days. 11/13-11/20/07	Needs attention
Durham Rd. Liney Hall Ln.	Timber mats are in place at the wetland crossings in these sections and well installed bridges are in place for two larger stream channels. 11/20/07	Continue to monitor and add controls as needed. Monitor the bridge surface for sediment tracking, 11/20/07	NA
Tamarac Swamp Road	Pad and adjacent controls remain within wetlands. New silt fence was in place around the exposed soil at the foundation. However, some of the sediment that was pushed over original controls into	Continue to monitor controls and adjust as needed. Area is sensitive to erosion and should be monitored closely. Carefully remove any remaining sediment from the wetlands 11/6-11/90/07	Needs to be monitored closely and needs some additional attention.

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	wetlands was not fully contained. 11/6-11/20/07	11/20/07	
Powers Rd. & Woodhouse Ave.	In the process of removing timber mats, sediment was pushed over some controls (8/28). Soils exposed by timber mat removal were seeded, but not all stone was removed from the wetland prior to seeding, (noted 9/25) Now the area has well-established grass cover. 11/13-11/20/07	Remove the stone from the wetlands to the extent feasible (recommended since 9/25) However, crews will be returning here for line work, potentially disturbing the area again before final stabilization. 10/10- 11/20/07	Further attention is needed here during final stabilization.
Woodhouse Ave. Hærison Rd.	Run-off from an existing catch basin has formed a gully in the slope that ends at the wetland/ stream. Filter socks remain to slow water flowing down the slope (noted since 9/25) The gully does not appear to be worsening (since 11/13)	Monitor controls and continue stabilization efforts along the gully/washout. Even though it is not worsening, the gully should still be repaired. 11/13-11/20/07	Needs evaluation/ proactive attention.
Mansion Rd to Tuttle Ave.	Several wetland crossings are in place. 11/20/07	Monitor and maintain new controls. 11/20/07	Controls appear to contain and filter run-off.
Old Farms Rd.	Turbid water was still observed flowing from a pad site onto the roadway and into a catch basin. This eventually flows into wetlands off-site. 11/6-11/20/07	Additional controls are needed within the catch basins and along the disturbed slope. 11/6-11/20/07	Needs attention.
State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.	A no entry sign remains near the potential vernal pool off Stony Brook Rd. as an appropriate alternative to construction fencing. 11/20/07	Continue to monitor area and retain distance from active work. 11/20/07	NA
Liney Hall Rd	Several frog and salamander egg masses were noted in the spring within prime amphibian breeding habitat, located off Liney Hall Ln This is	Prevent turbidity and direct impacts to these areas to the extent feasible. Property owner has mowed the area. 11/20/07	NA

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	not a state listed species issue but indicates good habitat. 11/20/07		
Woodhouse Ave; Harrison Rd. Mansion Rd. to Tuttle Ave	Evidence of Eastern box turtles has been confirmed off Woodhouse Ave on 5/8/07 and in the section between Mansion Rd. and Tuttle Ave on 7/17/07. These areas were not marked as potential habitat for Eastern box turtles according to the D&M plan, DEP response letter and NDDB website. 11/20/07	Both areas should receive the same attention as known protected habitat area along the ROW. The dormant season began Nov. 1st and sweeps for turtles are not required until active season begins in April 11/20/07	NA at this time.
Vegetative clearing or stabilization	Vegetation was preserved in areas where invasive species were not	Retain vegetation where feasible; confirm that cutting is limited only to	NA
Most work areas Have been cleared	dominant. 11/20/07	areas defined in D&M plan. Be extremely mindful of the extent of clearing flags. 11/20/07	
	Work is complete, at least temporarily, in many areas along the route. However, crews have to return for future activities in some locations. 11/20/07	The D&M states that areas should be temporarily stabilized if work will not return in 21 days. At this time, winter stabilization measures will be needed (including mulch w/binders or erosion control mats as needed). 11/20/07	Needs attention within timelines provided.
Durham Rd.	Minor disturbance to existing vegetation was noted as crews are setting grounding wires. 11/20/07	Add controls as needed. Stabilize disturbed areas within timeline when work is complete. 11/20/07	NA at this time
Powers Rd.	A reclaimed wetland area has well-established grass cover. However, stone placed here was not removed completely prior to seeding. 11/20/07	This issue will have to be addressed when crews return to perform final work and restoration in the area. 11/20/07	Needs to be addressed at final stabilization.
Woodhouse Ave and Harrison Rd.	As requested by state representatives and Siting Council staff, native	Continue to monitor and replace shrubs if needed. 11/20/07	NA at this time.

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	shrubs were planted (9/18) in clusters to provide shading for Allen Brook 11/20/07		
Pond Hill Rd. & Docker Dr. (I 91 – Rte. 5) Pent Rd. & Oliver Creek Rd.	Some large areas of exposed soil areas off Docker Dr. have minor grass growth however; most of the previously applied seed/hay appears to have washed away and turbid run-off was resulting, 11/6-11/20/07	See erosion control section. Apply additional mulch with binders or erosion control mats as applicable to encourage stabilization at this time of year. 11/20/07	Needs additional attention
Mansion Rd. to Tuttle Ave	Crews were reclaiming portions of the pad sites within the orchard, during the inspection. 11/20/07	Continue to provide restoration efforts and provide stabilization sufficient for the winter months. 11/20/07	Crews were reclaiming pads.
Old Farms Rd. (115kV Underground trench- work)	Turbid water was noted flowing from exposed areas on the ROW into catch basins and off-site wetlands. Previously applied seed may have washed away in the run- off. 11/6-11/20/07	See erosion control section. Apply additional mulch with binders or erosion control mats as applicable to encourage stabilization at this time of year. 11/13-11/20/07	Needs additional attention.
Dewatering	Some slurry resulting from past dewatering did migrate to the line of controls at the wetland off Carpenter Lane. 5/8-11/20/07	See erosion control section. 5/8-11/20/07	Needs evaluation and attention.
	Active dewatering was not observed along the project route. 11/20/07	If dewatering is needed, provide adequate controls. 11/20/07	NA at this time.
Blasting	No blasting is proposed. 11/20/07	None	NA
Spills, soils and material storage	Spill control materials are being brought to sites when work is performed. Small drip stains have been noted in several work areas along the ROW. 11/20/07	Always use spill control materials when working on equipment and during refueling. Replace as needed. Check equipment daily for leaks and repair as soon as possible. 11/20/07	Needs regular attention.
All Active Sites	Many active sites continue to have small	Always contain and control stockpiles as soon	Continue to monitor throughout

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	stockpiles associated with drilling and stored equipment during the construction process. 11/20/07	as possible. 11/20/07	construction.
Liney Hall Ln.	The two excess concrete piles/ washouts were located within the wetlands have been removed according to the contractor. 11/20/07	Concrete should never be washed out in or within 100 feet of wetlands. This includes concrete testing. 11/20/07	Concrete was removed according to contractor. (The area is locked/inaccessible to inspection).
Pond Hill Road	Sediment from several sites is being brought to an upland location east off Pond Hill and stockpiled. Fiber rolls have been overwhelmed by the sediment and vehicle traffic. (noted 11/6) Soils continue to be removed from this site 11/20/07	Controls need to be reinforced if any amount of the stockpile is going to remain for an extended time. 11/20/07	Stockpile was being removed from the site as needed.
Additional Observations	None 11/20/07	None	

Next likely scheduled	
inspection:	Tuesday November 27, 2007

I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statements made in this document or its attachments may be punishable as a criminal offense in accordance with Section 22a-6 under Section 53a-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Field Inspector:	Matt Creighton, BSC Group
Reviewer:	Diana Walden, BSC Group



Carpenter Ln: Disturbed soils remains upgradient from wetlands. Reinforced controls are needed here.



Durham Rd: Crews were installing grounding wires.



Carpenter Ln: Deteriorating controls and sediment accumulation was noted at the wetland outlet. This area still receives turbid run-off during rain events.



Tamarack Swamp Rd: The silt fence remains in place but the sedimen that had been pushed beyond the original controls should be removed carefully.



Woodhouse Ave: The disturbed area remains mulched and seeded Minor grass growth was noted. Ensure the area is sufficiently stable for winter months.



Pond Hill: The soil is being removed from the stockpile on site as it is needed. Monitor controls and stabilize disturbed soils.



Docker Dr. View of the large disturbed area. Previously applied seed and mulch has washed away. Additional attention is needed here to stabilize the area for the winter months.

