

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 1b (Royal Oaks Bypass) Inspection

Date: June 16, 2008

Inspector: Matthew Creighton

Location: Segment 1b (Royal Oaks Bypass)

Rainfall: 2.11” of precipitation was recorded in the week prior to inspection with 0.92” falling on 6/16 (NOAA data at Meriden, CT).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access roads and adjacent roadways	The permanent access road remains in place east of Rte. 17 and within the contractor receiving yard. 6/16/08	Sweep roadways as necessary. 6/16/08	Not Applicable (NA)
Route 17 west (through contractor yard), Rte 17 east.	Some culverts and the permanent access road remain. 6/16/08	Continue to monitor stabilized areas now that restoration is complete. See erosion control section. 6/16/08	NA at this time.
	Permanent stone access road is in place north of Little Ln. to structure #24530. The access road bisects a small channel. Contractor has stated that a culvert was installed following this week's inspection. 6/16/08	Monitor the newly installed culvert for effectiveness. Continue to monitor this area. 6/16/08	Contractor has reported that a culvert was installed following this week's inspection.
	The area from Rte 17 to the edge of the wetlands remains reclaimed with mulch and seed. A gate is in place off Rte 17. 6/16/08	Continue to monitor for final stabilization and vegetative cover. Vehicular access should no longer be needed. 6/16/08	Monitor for stabilization.
Foundation and site construction	NA- Final grading complete.	NA	NA
	Contractor has installed a culvert in the permanent	Monitor this area. See access road section for	NA

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	access road off Rte 17. 6/16/08	more details. 6/16/08	
Erosion and sediment controls	<p>A stone road remains in place of timber mats west of Rte. 17 within the wetlands to structure #24530. Contactor has stated that a new culvert was installed at the channel crossing following this week's inspection. 6/16/08</p> <p>Controls remain to filter water flowing from the access road east of Rte 17. Grass cover was noted along the slopes. 6/16/08</p> <p>Areas west of the Black Walnut Drive entrance have good grass cover and vegetative growth. 6/16/08</p> <p>Controls remain in place at the CSC approved line-pulling area located adjacent to wetlands. Exposed areas remain seeded and mulched and silt fence remains adjacent to the wetlands. Vegetative cover has established at the wetland crossing near the pond. 6/16/08</p>	<p>Monitor the recently installed culvert for proper drainage and erosion. Add controls as needed. See access road section. 6/16/08</p> <p>Continue to monitor and stabilize disturbed areas. Add/maintain controls as necessary. 6/16/08</p> <p>Continue to monitor for final stabilization. Area is almost fully stable. 6/16/08</p> <p>Monitor this area until final stabilization is achieved. Good controls are in place. Remove the silt fence when applicable. 6/16/08</p>	<p><i>Contractors stated a new culvert was installed.</i></p> <p>Grass growth continues.</p> <p>Grass and shrub growth noted.</p> <p>Establishment of vegetation is noted in many areas.</p> <p>Silt fence will need to be removed.</p>
Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation	<p>Access road, pads, and timber mats west of Rte 17 and east of Little Ln have established vegetative cover. 6/16/08</p> <p>Permanent access road remains through wetlands to reach #24530. Contractor stated that a new culvert was installed following this week's inspection. 6/16/08</p>	<p>Monitor newly reclaimed areas until stabilized. Wetland vegetation is establishing very well. 6/16/08</p> <p>Monitor the new culvert and add controls as needed. See erosion controls and access roads sections. 6/16/08</p>	<p>Continue to monitor until stable.</p> <p>New culvert installed. Needs final evaluation.</p>

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	Access road is in place west of Rte 17 in the receiving yard wetlands. Three streams were crossed with culverts. Controls and mulch are in place adjacent to the roads. 6/16/08	Monitor area closely for erosion and run-off. Add controls as needed to prevent road run-off. 6/16/08	NA at this time.
State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.	Good amphibian breeding habitat is noted in wetlands throughout the project route. 6/16/08	Work and restoration complete in this area. 6/16/08	According to the D&M plan, state-listed species are not located in work areas.
Vegetative clearing or stabilization	Restoration completed from Black Walnut Dr. to Little Lane. Vegetative growth/cover continues to increase and establish in restored areas. 6/16/08	Monitor restored areas for stabilization and add controls as needed. 6/16/08	Vegetative cover increases in most restored areas.
Dewatering	Active work associated with dewatering was no longer necessary. 6/16/08	NA 6/16/08	NA
Blasting	No blasting is proposed at this time. 6/16/08	None	NA
Spills, soils and material storage	Contractor receiving yard is set up near Rte. 17 in Middletown for 1A & 1B work. 6/16/08 Monitor equipment closely for future work within the Laurel Brook watershed protection area. Any refueling and equipment maintenance should be done outside of the protected area. 6/16/08	Continue to use and restock materials as needed. 6/16/08 In general, if a leak is observed, contain it and remove equipment from water department property. Proactively check equipment for leaks when working in the protected area. 6/16/08	NA NA at this time.

Next likely scheduled inspection:

Monday June 23, 2008

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.

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Reviewer: Diana Walden, BSC Group



Grass growth noted at previously seeded areas along the access road across from the receiving yard.



Vegetation is established at first wetland crossing connected to the pond.



Previously seeded areas along the ROW have good vegetative cover. Remove any remaining silt fence where applicable.



Clear water with tadpoles noted at the second culverted crossing past the receiving yard.