

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: May 7, 2007

Inspector: Matthew Creighton

Location: Segment 1b (Royal Oaks Bypass)

Rainfall: 0.18" of precipitation was recorded in the week prior to inspection, with the total reported on 5/2 (NOAA data at Meriden, CT).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access roads and adjacent roadways	<p>Traffic is using the existing ROW entrance off Black Walnut Drive and off Rte 17 across from the PAR shipping/receiving yard in order to access the new section. Sediment tracking was not observed on the roadways. 5/7/07</p> <p>Timber mats are in place off of Rte 17 to bring equipment onto the site and reduce sediment tracking onto the roadway. 5/7/07</p>	<p>Continue to monitor construction entrance and clean/sweep roadways as needed. 5/7/07</p> <p>Monitor and add controls as needed and continue using timber mats to reduce impacts to wetlands. 5/7/07</p>	<p>Not Applicable (NA)</p> <p>NA.</p>
Foundation and site construction	<p>Only clearing along ROW, tree removal, and chipping occurring. No foundation or line construction underway. 5/7/07</p>	<p>Monitor slopes and wetland for erosion and run-off. Add controls as necessary to protect sensitive areas. 5/7/07</p>	<p>NA</p>
Erosion and sediment controls	<p>Clearing is complete; Mulch remains along a steep slope and much of the root system remains in place to stabilize the soil. Some washouts/gullies were noted on the steep slope as a result of heavy rains (noted 4/16).</p>	<p>As clearing construction and soil disturbance progress, add controls where needed. Regrade and seed steep slopes for further stabilization when feasible. 4/16-5/7/07</p>	<p>Needs to be monitored.</p> <p>NA</p>

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	<p>5/7/07</p> <p>Controls were not in place at the ponded area within the ROW but roots stabilize the soil. 5/7/07</p> <p>Ruts from equipment access were noted in the wetland near Rte 17. Mats were not in place in this location to support the equipment. 4/2-5/7/07</p> <p>Timber mats are in place for storage and access off Rte. 17. Haybales and stone sediment traps filter water flowing from the timber mats. Water leaving the site was clear. Hay mulch remains on the exposed soil adjacent to the mats. 5/7/07</p>	<p>Continue to minimize impacts to the ponds and install controls where applicable. 5/7/07</p> <p>Add controls at the wetland crossings and extend timber mats into the area to prevent impacts from the equipment. 4/2-5/7/07</p> <p>Continue to monitor and stabilize adjacent areas to avoid sediment tracking and accumulation on the mats. 5/7/07</p>	<p>NA at this time.</p> <p>Needs attention</p> <p>Run-off filtering through the controls was clear as it left the site.</p>
<p>Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation</p>	<p>Cutting, skidding and equipment movement within the ROW has occurred, compacting soils and causing ruts and disturbance in some areas. 4/2-5/7/07</p> <p>Using multiple access points from Rt 17 and Black Walnut Dr. allowed equipment to stay out of the pond within the ROW. Controls were not in place here but roots help stabilize the soil. 5/7/07</p>	<p>Continue to monitor wetlands and add controls as needed when soil is first disturbed. Install/extend mats into the wetlands for vehicle access. 4/2-5/7/07</p> <p>Install controls where necessary. Continue to retain as much vegetation as possible in and adjacent to wetlands. 5/7/07</p>	<p>Needs attention when work continues.</p> <p>NA at this time. Continue to evaluate.</p>
<p>State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.</p>	<p>According to the D&M plan, state-listed species are not located in this work area.</p> <p>Frogs, tadpoles, and <i>Ambystoma</i> (salamander) masses were noted in the small pond within the ROW. These are not state listed species but do</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Continue using separate access points to reduce impacts to the pond. It has been protected well up to this point. Add controls as necessary.</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA.</p>

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	indicate good amphibian breeding habitat. 5/7/07	5/7/07	
Vegetative clearing or stabilization	Clearing along the ROW appears complete. Most of the tree stockpiles along the ROW will have to be removed and taken off site. 5/7/07	Monitor slopes and wetland for erosion and run-off. Continue to retain the appropriate low growing vegetation and species to the extent feasible in accordance with the D&M Plan. 5/7/07	NA.
Dewatering	Dewatering is not being performed at this time. 5/7/07	None	NA
Blasting	No blasting is proposed at this time. 5/7/07	None	NA
Spills, soils and material storage	No spills/drips were found on site. Operators have been advised to use spill controls when working on equipment. Spill kits move from site to site with equipment. 5/7/07	Always use spill control materials when working on equipment and during refueling. Replace as needed. Continue to use and restock materials as needed. 5/7/07	NA
	Two large drums (55 gallon) one plastic, one metal were located within the ROW. These were not located near wetlands. 5/7/07	Unclear whether drums were stored as part of the work or were already present in the woods. Continue to store materials and equipment 100 ft from wetlands where feasible. 5/7/07	NA
Additional Observations	None	None	NA

Next likely scheduled inspection:

Monday May 14, 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.

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Reviewer: Diana Walden, BSC Group



Stormwater controls remain adjacent to the timber mat crossing off Rte 17. Clear water was flowing off site.



Hay mulch was spread at exposed soil along wetlands near Rte 17 to increase stability.



View of ponded area within the ROW and shrubs/roots retained.



View of egg mass in the ponded area within the ROW. This pond was protected from direct impacts by using multiple access points into the ROW.