

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.

Beseck Switching Station Inspection

Date: September 25, 2007

Inspector: Matthew Creighton

Location: Beseck Switching Station

Rainfall: 0.02” of precipitation was recorded in the week prior to inspection (NOAA data at Meriden, CT).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access roads and adjacent roadways	Turbid water flows from the eastern site entrance during periods of heavy rain. Sediment onsite is fine and difficult to control during larger storms. Haybales remain in place but additional controls may be needed. 9/25/07	Continue to monitor controls in an attempt to contain and filter the run-off until the site is fully stabilized. Stone should be refreshed as needed. 9/25/07	Needs regular attention
	The stone access east of Beseck remains in place to reduce tracking to the main pad. 9/25/07	Continue to maintain and work out schedule with IA contractors to share responsibility. 9/25/07	Not Applicable (NA)
	Previous access to the west of the site has been re-established by IA contractors. Soil stockpiles remain along the access. Haybales remain across the site entrance and mulch/seed remain on exposed soils. 9/25/07	Even though work in this area was previously listed as part of Beseck activities, IA contractors are now responsible for active work here. Please review IA reports for more information. 9/25/07	NA- Not jurisdictional to this report. Please see IA reports for details.
	Carpenter Lane was swept and gutters were cleaned. Gutter liners should be replaced and catch basin controls need attention. 9/25/07	Continue to clean/sweep roadway and maintain catch basin controls on a regular basis. Clean gutters by hand and replace liners as	Needs attention

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Access roads and adjacent roadways (continued)	<p>The CB within the entrance drive cannot be sealed yet so a drainage ditch remains in place to prevent turbid water from flowing into the storm-water system. 9/25/07</p> <p>The two access driveways and areas of Carpenter Lane that were damaged by equipment months ago during active work should be paved prior to the asphalt plants closing this fall. 9/4-9/25/07</p>	<p>necessary. 9/25/07</p> <p>CB will be sealed during final grading. Continue to monitor existing controls. 9/25/07</p> <p>Paving should be completed this fall. 9/25/07</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>Areas of Carpenter Lane are to be revisited when paving occurs on site.</p>
Foundation and site construction	<p>Minor grading continues as needed. The majority of the site work is complete, but contractors continue to work on wiring. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Continue to monitor. Erosion controls may need to be adjusted as grading changes, especially at catch basins on site. 9/25/07</p>	<p>NA</p>
Erosion and sediment controls	<p>Filter fabric and numerous haybales remain in place over and around the drain inlets in the permanent detention basins. Haybales within the detention basins are deteriorating. Riprap dissipater pads remain at the inlet to the basins. 9/25/07</p> <p>A few small washouts were noted on slopes on site despite the establishing vegetative cover. 8/2-9/25/07</p> <p>Haybales are in place within the drainage ditch to slow and filter stormwater as it flows into the basin from BSS. The washout/eroded channel noted here last week has been filled/stabilized. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Continue to monitor and replace haybales as needed within the detention basins, or remove haybales and stabilize the immediate area. Surrounding areas were stable. 9/25/07</p> <p>Continue to monitor the site for vegetative cover, until fully stabilized. Repair larger washouts if needed. 8/2-9/25/07</p> <p>Continue to monitor to determine if additional controls are needed here. Review Segment 1A reports for more information. 9/25/07</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>Continue to monitor.</p> <p>Washout/eroded channel has been filled/stabilized</p>

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	<p>Haybales remain at the storm water outlet pipe at the wetland across Carpenter Lane. Outlet was dry this week and water within the wetlands was clear. Full vegetative cover has established over the accumulated sediment here. 9/25/07</p> <p>Eroded channels/washouts noted along the western site entrance last week have been filled/stabilized with stone. 9/25/07</p> <p>The small stockpile located on the western site access will be used to grade the access during paving. Silt fence has been installed downgradient of the stockpile. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Continue to monitor and replace haybales as needed at the storm drain outlet. Continue addressing stormwater issues at the source. Upon finalization of all work upgradient of the receiving outlet, remove haybales and seed the area with a wetland seed mix. Evaluate the area for further sediment accumulation. 9/25/07</p> <p>Continue to fill and stabilize washouts with appropriate material and monitor for turbid run-off. 9/25/07</p> <p>Monitor controls and replace as needed. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Outlet was dry this week and water within the wetlands was clear. Continue to evaluate.</p> <p>Washouts were filled/stabilized with stone</p> <p>Silt fence installed</p>
<p>Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation</p>	<p>Sediment accumulation was noted within the wetlands across Carpenter Lane. Haybales are not capable of containing all sediment during peak flows. The wetland has revegetated and is stable over the area of accumulated sediment. It appears removal of sediment would cause more disturbance at this point. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Several areas in the wetland have sediment accumulation as a result of past run-off from the site. Due to the full vegetative cover in the wetlands, it is not advised to remove sediment from the wetlands at this time. Upon finalization of all work areas on and adjacent to the site, haybales should be removed and the area seeded with a wetland seed mix. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Continue to evaluate and add controls as needed.</p>

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State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.	<p>According to the D&M plan, state-listed species are not located in this work area. 9/25/07</p> <p>Several different species of frogs, turtles, and salamanders have been noted in wetlands south of Carpenter Ln. and east of Beseck this spring and last year. 9/25/07</p>	<p>None. 9/25/07</p> <p>Although these species were not state-listed, it indicates good habitat. Continue to make good efforts to reduce impacts to these wetlands to the extent possible. 9/25/07</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA</p>
Vegetative clearing or stabilization	<p>Some of the hydroseeded and landscaped areas around site are at the 75% vegetative cover mark. Erosion control mats remain in place on steep slopes. Minor washouts have been noted on the slope located on the western boundary despite the establishing cover. 8/14-9/25/07</p> <p>All grading and landscaping appears complete. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Monitor site closely, especially during heavy rains and continue to make good efforts to stabilize washouts. Continue to monitor the area for vegetative cover, until fully stabilized. Hand seed the sparse areas of vegetation to increase stabilization as needed. 9/4-9/25/07</p> <p>Monitor areas for full stabilization. 9/25/07</p>	<p>Grass cover is almost fully established in hydroseeded areas. Washouts need attention when feasible</p> <p>NA</p>
Dewatering (As of 1/12/07 contractors stated: the detention ponds will be monitored during rain events and spring thaw to ensure that neither pond reaches capacity. Water will be pumped to the larger pond and then to the frac tank if any component of the system is reaching capacity.)	<p>Foundations are complete and no dewatering should be required. 9/25/07</p> <p>Muddy River, located down-gradient from the wetland across Carpenter Lane, is also being monitored. At this time no turbidity from the site appears to have reached Muddy River. 9/25/07</p>	<p>If future storms overwhelm the capacity of the basins, the controls will have to be revisited. 9/25/07</p> <p>Continue to monitor and evaluate Muddy River during rain events and dewatering activities. Reinforce and improve controls on site as needed. 9/25/07</p>	<p>NA at this time.</p> <p>NA</p>
Blasting	All blasting was complete as of 9/7/06.	None. 9/25/07	NA
Spills, soils and material storage	All remaining soil on site will be used as fill in construction activities.	Soils appear to be handled appropriately. 9/25/07	NA

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	9/25/07 Spill cleanup materials were available on site and are being used and restocked as needed. 9/25/07	Always use spill control materials when working on equipment and during refueling. Basic house keeping should continue to be performed around the site regularly to keep trash from blowing off-site. 9/25/07	NA
Additional Observations	None 9/25/07		

Next likely scheduled inspection: Monday October 1 , 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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Soil stockpile was removed along the eastern access road (1A responsibility) and eroded channel was filled.



View of the stockpile and small washouts/eroded channels at the western access drive. Silt fence installed and several washouts filled.



View of the eastern site entrance. The roadway had been recently swept and no run-off was observed.



View of the dry storm drain at Carpenter Lane. Continue to remove sediment as needed.