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 1a Inspection

Date: September 10, 2007

Inspector: Matthew Creighton

Location: Segment 1a – Scovill Rock Switching Station to Chestnut Junction, Oxbow Junction to

Beseck Switching Station (excluding Royal Oak Bypass), and Black Pond Junction to Beseck

Switching Station

Rainfall: Only 0.01" of precipitation was recorded in the week prior to the inspection, with the total

reported on 9/10 (NOAA data at Meriden, CT).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access roads and adjacent roadways			
Most work areas (including Oxbow Junction, Black Pond, Black Walnut Dr., Contractor Receiving Yard, Valley View Dr., Rte. 157, High Hill Rd., East Main Street and Fleming Rd.)	Access roads and stone tracking pads are in place at the ROW entrance in these locations. Associated roadways were free of project related sediment at this time. 9/10/07	Continue to sweep roadways and refresh stone as needed. Clean existing controls in CBs as necessary. 9/10/07	Not Applicable (NA)
Scovill SS west to Chestnut Junction Scovill SS to Rte. 9 Access off Shunpike Rd. to Rte. 9	Access road and pads are in place from Rte. 9, east past Scovill SS. Culverts are in place at some of the wetland crossings with minimal flow noted in the streams. Several timber mat stream crossings remain at the old access road east of Scovill SS. 9/10/07	Sweep Freeman Road and Rte 9 as needed. Monitor wetlands around the site for run-off. Controls should be added as needed in disturbed or sensitive areas. 9/10/07	NA
Rte. 9 to East Mount Rd.	Access road and pad installation continue in this area. Timber mats are in place at stream/ wetland crossings here. 9/10/07	Monitor wetlands around the site for run-off. Controls should be added as needed to protect sensitive areas. Monitor mats for sediment accumulation. 9/10/07	NA

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Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Haddam Quarter Rd. (Oxbow Junction); Johnson Ln; Foot Hills Rd.; Arbutus Street; Little Ln.; Cherry Hill Rd.; Elihu Dr.; Rte. 157 (west) Private Driveway; Valley View Dr.; East of Beseck SS	All access roads and pad sites have been installed along the majority of this section of ROW. Timber mats are in place at wetland crossings. Controls have been installed at all wetlands and no issues have been noted. 9/10/07	Continue to add controls where needed, i.e. mulch, check dams, silt fence, to control sediment and prevent erosion. Sweep roadways as needed. See erosion control section. 9/10/07	NA
Durham Rd	Stone access road/pads are in place to structure # 24521. Timber mats and a culvert remain in place for wetlands. Access road stone is sinking/compressing into the wetland in some locations. 9/4-9/10/07	Sweep Durham Rd. as needed. Add stone in sinking areas as needed or provide timber mats for less impact. See erosion control or wetland sections. 9/10/07	Needs attention/ evaluation.
Durham Rd. to Elihu Dr.	Access roads and pad site installation on hold until winter. 9/10/07	Add controls as needed during access road installation. 9/10/07	NA
Rte. 157 (west) Private Driveway	Private dirt driveway being used to access a pad site. A section of lawn was damaged from equipment accessing the ROW. 4/23-9/10/07	Maintain and adjust controls as needed. Work with landowner to repair the area of lawn as needed. 4/23-9/10/07	Needs attention and evaluation at the completion of work in the area
West of Beseck SS	A stone access road was in place where the old off-site driveway was, in order to pull lines. 9/10/07	Remove stone, regrade, and seed area upon completion of work. See erosion control section for more detail. 9/10/07	Needs regular attention.
East of Beseck SS	The riprap sediment trap east of Beseck SS is receiving turbid stormwater from the access road and switching station during periods of heavy rain. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor. Evaluate and adjust controls as necessary to slow and filter stormwater flow. 9/10/07	Needs regular attention.
	The exposed soils resulting from timber mat removal east of Beseck SS remain graded and seeded. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor until stabilization is achieved. Timber mats will be replaced when work returns here in the future. seed/vegetation. 9/10/07	Soils have been regraded and seeded.

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Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS ROW, North of Beseck SS	Pad sites were being flipped or relocated in this section to prepare for drilling new foundations. 9/10/07	Add controls to new pad sites whenever needed and re-contour and stabilize the previous pad sites as crews move through. 9/10/07	Old sites need restoration.
	Water bars and haybales are degrading and should be replaced/re-installed along the access road to divert turbid run-off. Run-off noted causing erosion in sections of access road. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor and adjust controls as needed. Regrade access road as needed. 9/10/07	Maintenance is needed.
	Stone pads, staging areas, and accesses north of Beseck SS remain in place. Some erosion/washouts were noted in sections of access road. 8/6-9/10/07	Monitor area for run-off and add controls as needed. Regrade access road as needed. 8/6- 9/10/07	Washouts need repair when feasible but no issues were noted in sensitive areas.
South of High Hill Rd. crossing (vicinity of East Meriden SS)	Access road crosses several streams and wetlands in this section. No sediment noted on adjacent roadways. 9/10/07	Monitor area for run-off and add controls as needed. 9/10/07	NA
	Timber mats were relocated and placed over the riprap stream bypass resulting in sediment accumulation. The bypass should be removed before the area is accessed/worked. 9/10/07	Remove the riprap bypass now that the stream channel was relocated, before doing work on timber mats above it. 9/10/07	Needs attention.
North of High Hill Rd. crossing (north to Black Pond)	Access road is in place off East Main Street, within a condo development and to the north of E. Main St. Fiber rolls in place along the slope. Some repairs are necessary along the erosion controls. 9/10/07	Monitor tracking into the development parking lot and sweep as needed. Continue to add controls as work progresses. See erosion control section. 9/10/07	NA at this time
Foundation and site construction Scovill SS west to Chestnut Junction	Foundation work continues from Rte. 9 west. Drilling, pouring	Monitor and add controls as needed. See erosion control section for more	NA

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Oxbow Junction to	west. Drilling, pouring foundations, and road/pad construction underway off the Shunpike Rd. access and Bartholomew Rd. 9/10/07	control section for more information. 9/10/07	
Beseck SS Oxbow Jct. to Haddam Quarter Rd. to Foot Hills Rd. to Arbutus Street	Foundations and poles are in place. 9/10/07	Monitor and add controls as needed. 9/10/07	NA
Black Walnut Dr. (east)	Work on the lines was occurring during the inspection. 9/10/07	Monitor and add/adjust controls as needed. See erosion control and state listed species sections. 9/10/07	NA
Cherry Hill Rd. (east & west)	No new work since several poles were installed. A few small stockpiles were noted in previous weeks. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor and ensure soil is contained. See erosion control section. 8/20- 9/10/07	NA
Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS ROW, North of Beseck SS to Black Pond Jct.	One more line of poles and foundations will be needed to complete this area. Crews were relocating or flipping pads to the next set of structures. A new pad was in place near Black Pond Jct. 9/10/07	Re-contour and stabilize old pad sites. Restore wherever feasible if areas will remain disturbed for extended periods of time as crews move through the area. Add controls at new pad sites. 9/10/07	Old pad sites need restoration
Erosion and sediment controls Scovill SS west to Chestnut Junction	Stumps were left in place to reduce erosion following minor tree clearing, 9/10/07	Monitor and add controls if needed. 9/10/07	NA
	Upgraded access road in place with culverts at 3 streams. Some turbid water from installation noted 6/25. Mulch and seed remain at exposed soil areas along the road. 9/10/07	Continue to add controls along access road upgradient from wetlands to filter run-off and prevent turbidity. The area has high flow during heavy rains. 9/10/07	Continue to evaluate.
Rte. 9 West	Timber mats, silt fence, and filter socks have been installed along the access road and at wetland crossings. 9/10/07	Adjust controls as needed to filter run-off and monitor stream crossings. 9/10/07	NA

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Bartholomew Rd.	Equipment had driven through a no access area – noted 9/4. The area has since been stabilized and graded. 9/10/07	Monitor area closely and add controls as needed until stabilized. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor.
Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Haddam Quarter Rd. To Foot Hills Rd. (east)	Controls (Haybales, filter socks) were filtering any water as it leaves the site, including at the turn onto the ROW and along the pond. 9/10/07	Monitor controls and adjust as needed. Add controls as needed upgradient from wetlands. 9/10/07	NA
Foot Hills Rd. (west) Arbutus Street	Silt fence, filter socks, hay mulch and other controls remain along the timber mat wetland crossing to filter run-off in these locations. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor and add controls as needed. 9/10/07	NA
Black Walnut Dr.	Some of the installed stone was pushed into controls along the road. 4/2-9/10/07	Continue to adjust controls as needed and pull stone back from swales if necessary. 4/2-9/10/07	NA
	Bark mulch, haybales and filter socks remain along the steep slope of the pad upgradient of Ball Brook. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor and adjust controls to protect the resource area downgradient. 9/10/07	NA
	Contractors removed some stone along access roads and pads and mulched/seeded exposed areas. 9/10/07	Continue to remove stone in areas where work is complete and monitor this area for stabilization. 9/10/07	Stone was removed and areas were seeded and mulched.
Contractor Receiving Yard and Storage Area	A few fiber rolls have been run over along the access drive. 2/12- 9/10/07	Repair/replace damaged fiber rolls as needed. 2/12-9/10/07	Needs repair when feasible
	Controls are in place at the perimeter of the yard and along drainage areas/swales but several areas of silt fence need repair. 9/10/07	Continue to add, maintain, and monitor controls as necessary. Repair fallen/untoed sections of silt fence 4/23- 9/10/07	Needs repair when feasible
South of Contractor Yard Along Rte. 17 and Little Lane	Silt fence typically filters turbid run-off here before it leaves site. Timber mats are in place at the	Monitor and reinforce controls to ensure they adequately filter run-off. 9/10/07	NA

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	are in place at the crossing. 9/10/07	9/10/07	
	Large soil stockpiles remain along the slope moving west off Little Ln. 9/4-9/10/07	Ensure that stockpiles are contained and add controls where needed. 9/4-9/10/07	Needs evaluation/ attention
Cherry Hill Rd.	Timber mats are in place but controls have not been added in one section to the west (noted 4/2). 9/10/07	Ensure that controls are adequate to controls run-off. 9/10/07	NA
Durham Rd.	Timber mat crossing is in place west of Durham Rd. within the ROW. Some controls are in place including fiber rolls adjacent to the stone pad at structure # 24521; clear water is flowing off the site. 9/10/07	Some controls have been added, but additional controls may be needed here. 9/10/07	Needs to be monitored.
Rte. 157 (east & west) & Elihu Dr.	Controls were in place along pad sites. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor until final stabilization is achieved. Adjust controls as necessary. 9/10/07	NA
Powder Hill Rd.	Numerous controls remain in place along the access road. Filter socks and haybales remain upgradient of the stream and pond (both sides) at the base of slope. Sediment accumulation has occurred at the controls 8/20-9/10/07	Remove sediment accumulated around the controls and vegetation. Stream crossings/culverts are temporary and will be removed at the end of the work. Despite good efforts on controls, turbid run-off is still an issue during larger storms. 8/20-9/10/07	Some controls are working well but sediment accumulation needs proactive attention/evaluation when feasible
	Most adjacent wetlands are in good shape but accumulated sediment from past heavy rains can be seen in the wetlands west of Powder Hill Rd. when standing water recedes. 6/11-9/10/07	Any sediment accumulation over 2" should be carefully removed from the wetland by hand. 5/29-9/10/07	Needs evaluation/ maintenance
	Maintenance of silt socks and haybales is needed along the slopes of Beseck Mtn. Vegetation is	Adjust and maintain controls as necessary to prevent turbid run-off or erosion until sites can	Needs evaluation/ maintenance

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	Mtn. Vegetation is helping to trap sediment before it reaches streams. 7/23-9/10/07	erosion until sites can stabilize. 7/23-9/10/07	Area seeded
East of Beseck SS	The area previously disturbed by timber mats through the pond east of Beseck remains restored and seeded. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor until final stabilization is achieved. Adjust controls as necessary. 9/10/07	NA at this time
	The area west of Beseck SS with the re-established access road has been mulched and seeded. Haybales were replaced across the entrance of the drive. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor until final stabilization is achieved. Adjust controls as necessary. 9/10/07	Haybales were replaced.
Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS ROW, North of Beseck SS to East Meriden Substation	The slopes upgradient from wetlands near structure #24450 are still somewhat exposed. 9/10/07	Add mulch and seed here as necessary and monitor exposed areas until stabilized 9/10/07	Needs attention
Fleming Road	A line of haybales surrounded by two lines of silt fence is in place. Adjacent slopes remain mulched for stabilization. 9/10/07	Monitor, adjust, and extend controls as needed. Continue to remove sediment from controls as needed. 9/10/07	NA
South of High Hill Rd. (vicinity of East Meriden Substation)	The area of erosion and sedimentation along the access road, resulting from run-off from the substation has been filled with stone and repaired. 9/10/07	Ensure the controls are adequate for run-off in this area. Stabilize soils as soon as possible. 9/10/07	The eroded area was repaired.
	The timber mat pad in the area of the redirected stream was relocated over the riprap channel which had previously diverted the flow. Sediment from the underside of the mats had accumulated in the channel. Also, soils are exposed and disturbed along a portion of the original channel. 9/10/07	Stabilize all soils along the original channel, remove any remaining fill, and remove the diversion riprap channel if it is no longer needed to avoid additional sources of sediment from crews working over it. 9/10/07	Needs attention/ evaluation.

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High Hill Rd. (north to Black Pond)	Controls are in place along the access off High Hill Rd. and upgradient from wetlands in all locations. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor and maintain controls where necessary. 9/10/07	NA
	Wetlands and adjacent areas in this section continue to re-vegetate. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor and adjust controls as needed. 9/10/07	NA
Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation	ACOE permit is in hand. 1/22/07	Perform work in wetlands under the permitted guidelines. 9/10/07	NA
Most access areas (including: ROW North of Beseck SS; Arbutus St.; Little Lane; Durham Rd.; Powder Hill Rd. Black Walnut Dr.; Johnson Ln.; Foot Hills Rd.)	A number of wetland crossings (via timber mats) were noted. Adjacent controls were in place. 9/10/07	Monitor closely for sedimentation and add controls as needed. All crossings are temporary and will require restoration upon project completion. 9/10/07	NA
Scovill SS west to Chestnut Junction Oxbow Junction to	Timber mats and culverts are in place at wetland crossings in this section. 9/10/07	Crossings are temporary and will require restoration upon project completion. 9/10/07	NA
Beseck SS Contractor Storage Yard	Perimeter controls are deteriorating in spots and should be repaired. 5/14- 9/10/07	Continue to monitor and adjust/repair controls as needed around the site. 5/14-9/10/07	Controls need attention
Durham Rd.	A culvert is in place near structure # 24521. Turbidity was not an issue at this time but more controls may be needed in this section. 9/10/07	Stabilize adjacent areas and add controls where needed. 9/10/07	NA at this time
Powder Hill Rd.	Several smaller streams remain culverted. When standing water recedes, some accumulated sediment from past heavy rains has been noted in wetland areas. 5/29-9/10/07	All crossings are temporary and will require restoration at the end of the work. Where sediment is greater than 2", it should be removed carefully by hand from the wetland. 5/29-9/10/07	Needs evaluation

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East of Beseck SS	The area by the pond, previously exposed by the timber mat removal, remains seeded. 9/10/07	Monitor soils for stabilization. Remove any stone/soil accumulation as needed. 9/10/07	NA at this time.
Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS Fleming Rd. High Hill Rd. South to East Meriden Substation and north to Black Pond	Pad sites are being flipped/relocated over to the final line locations to continue work on foundations. This includes the relocated stream area near East Meriden Sub. Timber mats had been placed over the riprap diversion channel resulting in sedimentation from the underside of the mats, and exposed soils along the other channel. 9/10/07	Remove riprap channel before work introduces more sediment into the wetland system. Stabilize all adjacent exposed soil. 9/10/07	Needs evaluation/ attention.
State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.	Potential habitat for wood turtles exists at Ball Brook in this section. Contractors have avoided crossing this area through the access road in from Black Walnut Dr. The final pad and structure on this line is installed upgradient from the habitat. 9/10/07	April 1st was the start of the active wood turtle season; contractors will require training for mitigation if work occurs in the Ball Brook habitat. Ball Brook is not scheduled to be accessed, however consider performing sweeps at this last pad as turtles do forage/migrate away from streams. 9/10/07	Contractors stated that field crews have received the appropriate training and sweeps have occurred and will occur during active work.
Multiple ROW areas including Scovill SS; Haddam Quarter Rd. To Foot Hills Rd.; Johnson Lane; Powder Hill Rd.; Contractor Storage Yard Pond; East of Beseck SS	A variety of wildlife has been noted in and adjacent to the majority of wetlands in the ROW at access and work areas. Turtles, frogs, fish, salamanders, tadpoles, several different types of egg masses, deer, small mammals, coyote pups and wild turkeys have been observed during past inspections. These are not state listed species, but indicate good habitat. 9/10/07	Continue to be very mindful of controlling sediment and reducing access near wetlands used for amphibian breeding Also monitor controls for effectiveness and be mindful that the controls can block foraging/migrating wildlife 9/10/07	Continue to monitor

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Vegetative clearing or stabilization ROW west of Scovill Rock SS to Chestnut Junction	The clearing that had been performed for access road and pad construction is largely complete in these areas.	Retain species approved by the D&M plan wherever feasible. Temporarily stabilize exposed soil as necessary,	In all areas, be aware of limits of clearing and stick to the specifications of the D&M plan
Powder Hill Rd.; Little Lane; Durham Rd; Black Walnut Dr; Valley View Dr.; Rte 157; ROW North of Beseck SS to Black Pond	Some pad sites are along slopes and may have issues with erosion during heavy rains. Most disturbed soil areas have been mulched and seeded as needed. Grass growth noted in many areas. Good re-vegetation in wetlands and adjacent areas was also noted in many areas, including off High Hill Rd. 9/10/07	especially in slope areas such as Beseck Mtn. Continue to stabilize areas and monitor for vegetative cover. 9/10/07	Grass growth and natural revegetation noted in many areas.
Rte. 9 to Bartholomew Rd.	New clearing, grading, and drilling underway. Mulch was being applied on steep slopes. 9/10/07	Add controls as needed along slopes and stabilize areas as soon as possible. 9/10/07	NA at this time.
All areas including Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS.	Pad sites are being flipped/relocated to perform work on the final line leaving the old pad sites exposed. 9/10/07	Restore and stabilize old pad sites that will no longer be needed prior to crews leaving an area. 9/10/07	Needs regular attention
Dewatering Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Black Walnut Dr.	Several settling basins remain off Black Walnut Dr. 9/10/07	Continue to use settling basins as needed. Monitor capacity of the basin when in use. 9/10/07	NA
Cherry Hill Rd., Durham Rd., East of Beseck SS.	Settling/slurry tanks used for dewatering and spoils were moved off site. 9/10/07	Continue to use settling tanks for dewatering and add controls around timber mats. 9/10/07	NA
Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS North of Beseck SS to East Meriden Substation, Fleming Rd.	Dewatering basins remain in place at the pad sites. Water trucks are used here when dewatering controls are approaching capacity. 9/10/07	Continue to monitor capacity of the basin and adjust controls as necessary. Re-use existing basins whenever possible for final line construction to reduce disturbance. Restore areas whenever feasible. 9/10/07	NA at this time.
Blasting	No blasting is proposed. 9/10/07	None 9/10/07	NA

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Spills, soils and material storage All active areas	Spill controls move from site to site with the equipment. 9/10/07	Always use spill control materials when working on equipment and during refueling. Park equipment 100 feet from wetlands when feasible 9/10/07	NA
	Concrete washout containment was noted in the form of lined, dug basins in several locations. 9/10/07	Provide appropriate containment for washouts. Be especially careful of concrete containment near wetlands. Remove the material once work is complete. 9/10/07	NA at this time.
Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Contractor Receiving Yard and Staging Area	Materials are being stored and structures staged in this area. Fuel tanks are not present. 9/10/07	Always use spill control materials when working on equipment and during refueling. Continue to locate hazardous materials and equipment away from wetlands inlets such as culverts and CBs. when possible. Remove spills as needed. 9/10/07	NA
Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS	Some equipment and supplies are being stored here. A large spill kit is stored onsite. 9/10/07	Always store equipment and supplies away from sensitive areas. Monitor and maintain equipment as needed and provide housekeeping on a regular basis. 9/10/07	NA at this time
	Portable sanitary facility has tipped over next to East Meriden SS. 9/4- 9/10/07	Attend to the facility and provide clean-up as needed. 9/4-9/10/07	Needs immediate attention.
East of Beseck SS	A soil stockpile was observed upgradient of the drainage culvert. No controls were observed. 8/27-9/10/07	Remove soil stockpile from this location or provide the necessary controls. 8/27-9/10/07	Needs attention.
Additional Observations	Monitor equipment closely when moving from site to site and clean drips as they happen. Always use spill controls on leaking equipment	Monitor equipment regularly and repair as needed. 9/10/07	Monitor regularly.

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	and repair equipment immediately. 9/10/07		

Next likely scheduled	
inspection:	Monday September 17, 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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Shunpike Rd: Crews were dewatering a foundation and pumping into a settling tank for containment.



Shunpike Rd: View of drilling and foundation installation.



Bartholomew Rd.: Crews were drilling a new foundation.



Black Walnut Dr.: Crews were performing wire work; Installing pull boxes.



Carpenter Lane (north): Turbid water was noted flowing off-site during a heavy rain storm on 9/11/07.



East Meriden SS (North): The original stream channel that had been filled/redirected for the work was carved out. Remove remaining fill and stabilize the adjacent areas. Remove the riprap bypass before accessing or working at the new pad site.



East Meriden SS (North): Timber mats were recently relocated and placed over the riprap stream bypass. This caused sediment to fall from the underside and accumulate in the channel.



Black Pond Jct: New pad site is in place at the edge/within wetlands.