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M. JODI RELL
GOVERNOR

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Ms. Pam Katz, Chairwoman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Chairperson Katz:

I have read your recent memo concerning the progress of the working group established to develop a revision to the 345kv transmission line application now pending before the Siting Council. Although I am not a party or intervenor in the proceeding before you, I write to express my appreciation for the importance you have placed in your memo on assuring the maximized use of underground construction.

In light of recently passed legislation placing greater emphasis on the use of underground transmission technologies, and the myriad of reasons why we must give special consideration to their use, I want to give, as I know you want to give, the appropriate level of attention to this issue in a deliberative process. Maintaining sensitivity to the concerns expressed by local officials and private citizens, and guarding against any unnecessary erosion of Connecticut's rural character must be weighed in this process.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. I have confidence that the Council will proceed fairly and in a manner consistent with the new legislation and the spirit behind it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. JODI RELL
Governor