

October 12, 2004

Pamela B. Katz  
Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: *Docket 272, the Application of The CT Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company*

***Notice of Existence of Additional "Statutory Facility" within the Buffer Zone in the City of Meriden***

Dear Chairman Katz:

As you are aware, on September 28, 2004 the applicants presented maps to the Siting Council that represent the proposed route for the upgrade currently under consideration in Docket 272. The City of Meriden at that time was provided by the applicants with a copy of Map #3, consisting of, inter alia, an aerial photo of the proposed buffer zone, highlighting statutory facilities, the existing Right of Way, and the 3 mG Boundaries at 15 GW and 27.7 GW. There was also an estimation of the number of residential units that fell within the proposed 300' buffer zone.

Upon review of the map by City of Meriden officials, the City of Meriden respectfully wishes to call to the attention of the Siting Council that a recently constructed public park and play area consisting of seven girls' softball fields is missing and not located on the map currently before the Siting Council. These softball fields are located on map #3, to the immediate left of the switching station that separates Segment #3 and Segment #4. It is the position of the City of Meriden that the park and softball complex constitutes a "statutory facility" under Sections 16-50p(h); 16-50l(a)(1)(A)(iii); and 16-50p(a)(3)(D), as revised of the CT General Statutes. The map of the City of Meriden should be updated to reflect the construction of the park facility and softball complex, and should be taken into consideration.

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Furthermore, the applicants' estimation of the number of residences that are in the proposed buffer zone fails to take into account a nursing home facility, CT Baptist Homes, consisting of a traditional nursing home and independent senior housing. It is located due north of the public park and softball fields on Map #3. It appears that the nursing home residential units are not included in the applicants' number of residences that will be affected by the proposed overhead route and buffer zone. Also, the applicants also did not count a condominium complex south of Route 66, at the end of Old East Main Street. Both properties are in both the ROW and the proposed buffer zone, and will easily double the number of residential properties that are affected by the proposed overhead route and buffer zone.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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/s/

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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent via email and by US mail,  
postage prepaid, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004 to all parties and intervenors of record.

/s/

Deborah L. Moore

Commissioner of Superior Court