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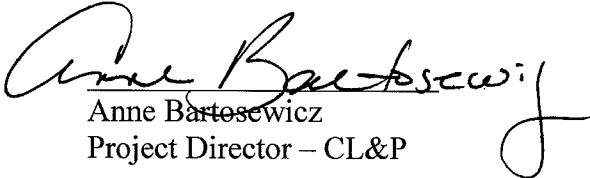
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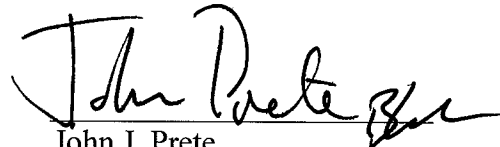
***Re: Docket 272, Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company
and The United Illuminating Company: Response to Council Question
Concerning Minimum Loads***

Dear Chairman Katz,

During the January 11, 2005 hearing, Mr. Cunliffe asked the Companies to identify their lowest loads. (Tr. 1/11/05, p. 99). At the time, the Companies were unable to provide that data, but provided an approximate estimate of the low Connecticut load in 2002 and 2003 by multiplying the low New England wide load by 27%, which is Connecticut's typical share of the New England load. (Oberlin, Tr. 1/11/05, p. 103). Since then, the Companies have obtained the data requested by Mr. Cunliffe. Attached hereto, for the years 1991-2004, are the peak and minimum loads (in MW) for Connecticut, and a calculation of the minimum load as a percentage of the peak load. These data have been obtained from ISO-NE.

Very truly yours,


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**Connecticut
Light & Power**

The Northeast Utilities System



The United Illuminating Company

	Peak	Min.	% ¹
1991	5612	1803	32.1
1992	5081	1805	35.5
1993	5682	1820	32.0
1994	5853	1822	31.1
1995	6035	1951	32.3
1996	5446	1996	36.7
1997	6030	2017	33.5
1998	5987	2015	33.7
1999	6350	2915	31.7
2000	5931	2081	35.1
2001	6874	2092	30.4
2002	6903	2211	32.0
2003	6674	2219	33.2
2004	6444	2301	35.7

¹ Minimum as a percentage of peak.