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Pamela B. Katz, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
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Re: JOINT APPLICATION OF THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AND THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR A 345-KV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES BETWEEN SCOVILL ROCK SWITCHING STATION IN MIDDLETOWN AND NORWALK SUBSTATION IN NORWALK
Docket No. 272

Dear Chairman Katz:

The Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") is a party to this proceeding. OCC is in receipt of a Notice issued by the Connecticut Siting Council ("Siting Council") on October 22, 2004. This Notice states that the Siting Council is considering taking administrative notice of the transcript of a FERC-sponsored Technical Conference that took place in Hartford on October 13, 2004, and invites comments on the appropriateness of such action.

OCC believes that the Siting Council should take administrative notice of the aforementioned FERC transcript. The participants in this Technical Conference discussed electric system infrastructure in Connecticut, pricing and cost allocation for transmission project costs, safety (EMF) issues, technology options and reliability issues, among other subjects. Each of the issues aired at this Technical Conference is directly relevant to the Siting Council's deliberations in this proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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