

July 19, 2004

Ms. Pamela Katz, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 272 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company Application to the Connecticut Siting Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (“Certificate”) for the construction of a new 345-kV electric transmission line facility and associated facilities between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, including the reconstruction of portions of existing 115-kV and 345-kV electric transmission lines, 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

Dear Ms. Katz:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Town of Wallingford (“Wallingford”). Its purpose is to respond to the Council’s June 4, 2004 request for the following: (1) a preferred overhead route through Wallingford; (2) a preferred underground route through Wallingford; and (3) a preferred overhead/underground route through Wallingford.

Wallingford appreciates this opportunity to respond to the Council’s request for preferred routes. Wallingford agrees that it is essential that the Council be provided with input from the towns affected by the transmission facilities at issue in this proceeding, concerning specific siting issues in each town. However, Wallingford has neither the resources nor the technical expertise needed to provide the Council with complete route configurations, taking into account such issues as route analysis, EMF mitigation, and optimal structure design (including pole height and conductor configuration). Moreover, the record has not yet been developed with respect to EMF mitigation techniques. It is therefore impossible for Wallingford to provide complete responses at this time. For those reasons and notwithstanding this submission, Wallingford explicitly reserves all of its legal and equitable rights in this proceeding, and suggests that the towns be afforded the opportunity to supplement these responses at a future date when the record is more fully developed. Wallingford also takes this opportunity to reiterate its previously-stated position that legal and equitable considerations obligate the Council to review both

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Phase I and Phase II of the 345 kV "Loop" proposed for Southwestern Connecticut in a single proceeding.

I. Preferred Overhead Route

Wallingford's preferred overhead route is the East Shore Route with a reconductored "387 line" (but no second 345 kV line).

II. Preferred Underground Route

Wallingford has previously provided CL&P Counsel with maps created by the Wallingford Electric Division, depicting Wallingford's preferred underground route. Wallingford reserves the right to substitute a different route or routes in the event analysis of Wallingford's preferred underground route reveals construction, engineering or other issues with respect to that route.

Additionally, Wallingford urges the Council to consider an underground direct-current ("DC") line along the above route. Although a record has not yet been created in Docket 272 with respect to a DC line, the advantages of such a line warrant its consideration.

III. Preferred Overhead/Underground Route

At the present time, Wallingford has no preferred mixed overhead/underground route for the 345 kV facilities in Wallingford. Wallingford reserves the right to propose such a route at a latter date, or to object to any such route proposed by any other party or intervenor.

Very truly yours,

Peter G. Boucher

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cc: Service List