

June 6, 2006

Via Facsimile

Pamela Katz
Chairwoman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Royal Oak Bypass

Dear Ms. Katz:

I am writing this letter to you to express my deep concerns regarding the recent remarks and objections of some of the residents on Acorn Drive and other "out of town" letters. It is apparent that these objectors want the Council to take all the property owned by my daughter and me where my family plans to build our homes... that is what will happen if they succeed.

Let us keep in mind that these residents who own houses on Royal Oak, Acorn Drive and surrounding areas in that neighborhood were well aware of the existing power lines in the area when they first purchased their homes. After moving into the area they did not want more power lines placed on the existing easement. The whole idea of NIMBY was totally ignored. These residents became successful in achieving their goal to have the new proposed power lines moved out of an existing easement in their neighborhood over my property where no easement exist.

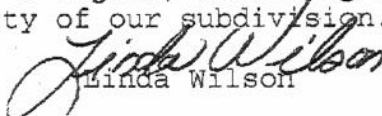
My family and I have dealt with CL&P in good faith to try and resolve a situation that we never caused. We have worked diligently over the months with CL&P to preserve as much of our subdivision, including two lots for my family, Lots 13 and 14. The CL&P plan touches my lot, Lot 13, but any change in this present plan would destroy this lot and the opportunity to develop any portion of my property. Placement of the easement towards the center of my property makes my subdivision impossible to develop based on simple economics, due to the number of lots affected.

Some of the present complainers showed up when we went before the Planning & Zoning Commission to oppose development of my property because they want the property to remain undeveloped. These residents want their home and surrounding area to remain in the same pristine state as when they first bought their homes, but at whose cost?

Residents complain that their dream home will be jeopardized, their property values will decrease, etc. as if they are the only people affected. I find myself in the precarious position of the foregoing arguments, plus having our future family home sites effectively wiped out if the agreed easement in the D & M plan is moved back towards the center of my property. Need I remind them that my 84 acre parcel of land never had any power lines on it in the first place. They want my daughter and me to bear the entire penalty for relocating the power lines. They don't want to accept any burden themselves even though they were part of a group willing to have the lines placed on my property. This is not a safety issue; it is an aesthetic issue, plain and simple. They want to look at trees. Where in the law does it say the utility can take 84 acres to construct a 125- foot wide easement, but that is what will happen if the easement goes through the center of my property. Since when are neighbors allowed to dictate where power lines should be placed on an adjacent piece of property? What law gives these residents that right?

Hopefully the Siting Council will not fail to protect my rights as well and will be amenable in protecting my home as well as my daughter's home. I am hopeful that the Council will discern that it is equally unfair to place the entire burden of these power lines on to one property owner because surrounding residents just happen to complain louder. I am tired of having to take the entire brunt of these power lines in order to appease surrounding property owners.

How much more ludicrous can this situation become? My neighbors seem to believe that they have the power of eminent domain over my property without any care of how much of my land they destroy and make useless. I look to the Siting Council to support CL&P's attempt to minimize the impact of the new easement on my family's property and to support the D & M plan submitted. Please protect my family's rights, including our planned home sites and the economic viability of our subdivision.


Linda Wilson

cc: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director