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Pamela B. Katz, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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By Email to the Siting Council and Service List on March 25, 2005
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Re: Docket No. 272 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company and the United Illuminating Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of a New 345-kV Electric Transmission Line and Associated Facilities between the Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and the Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut

INQUIRY AND REQUEST FOR SCHEDULE REVISION

Dear Chairman Katz:

I am writing to raise a possible concern and to inquire about the Siting Council meeting that took place on March 23, 2005.

After checking the Siting Council’s website for the Council’s Draft Findings of Fact in this docket, my associate, Robert Hoff called the Council to inquire as to the whereabouts of those findings. Yesterday, he spoke with Carrie Ann, who stated that the Draft Findings were disclosed at the March 23, 2005 meeting, and that parties and intervenors were present at that meeting.

From the March 17, 2005 Docket 272 schedule notice, there was no indication that the March 23, 2005 Siting Council/Energy Technology meeting was intended to allow participation by parties and intervenors. Whereas the hearings have closed on this docket, I inquire as to the nature of the March 23, 2005 meeting. The notice actually characterizes the meetings contained therein as “deliberations,” appearing to signify that the Council would be finalizing the Herculean task of sorting through and assessing the various proposed findings submitted in this docket.

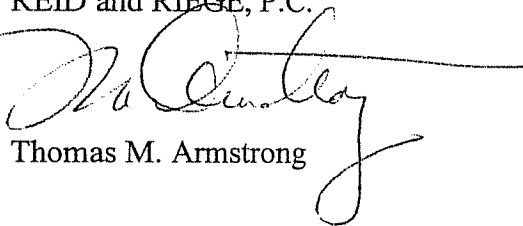
Accordingly, I inquire as to whether parties and intervenors were merely present at Council deliberations, or whether they, in fact, were engaged in comment to the Council. I also inquire as to when the Draft Findings of Fact will be available for review on the Council's website, because as I understand it, written comments are due on Monday, following the Easter holiday. This will be a difficult task in which to engage, because we have been informed that no written format of these Draft Findings of Fact are available to the parties and intervenors at this time. I further understand that your office is likely be closed for the state holiday (Good Friday), and therefore, request your prompt attention to this time-critical matter.

On behalf of Linda D. Wilson and the South Main Street Irrevocable Trust (Ralph Wilson, trustee), I request that the date for comment on the Council's Draft Findings of Fact be revised until 2 or 3 days following web site publication of those Draft Findings of Fact. Absent that, there would be no way to provide any opinion on information that has not been distributed.

I also certify that this letter has been served upon all parties and intervenors of record.

Very truly yours,

REID and RIEGE, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Armstrong', written over a horizontal line.

Thomas M. Armstrong

cc: Robert Hoff, Esq.