

March 31, 2004

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

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.

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has developed a schedule for evidentiary hearings. The hearings will be conducted at the Institute of Technology and Business Development, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), 185 Main Street, in New Britain, CT. Directions and parking instructions are enclosed and can be found at the following website: <http://www.ccsu.edu/ITBD/Directions/DirectionstoITBD.htm>.

1. These hearings will be held between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and are reserved for cross-examination and presentation of evidence. The dates and topics are as follows:

Pre-filed testimony and discovery for the following is due April 8, 2004.

- Tuesday, April 20 Underground Segments 3 and 4, supported segment changes, cable technology, substations, and construction impacts.
- Wednesday, April 21 Continuation of April 20.
- Thursday, April 22 Alternative routes (i.e. Marine, Highway corridors, Railroad Corridors, High Voltage DC).

Pre-filed testimony and discovery for the following is due May 3, 2004.

- Wednesday, May 12 Continuations of Electric and Magnetic Fields.
- Thursday, May 13 Continuations of Electric and Magnetic Fields.

Pre-filed testimony and discovery for the following is due May 18, 2004.

- Tuesday June 1 Overhead segments 1 and 2, supported segment changes, cable technology, substations, and construction impacts.
- Wednesday, June 2 East Shore Route and GE modeling.
- Thursday, June 3 Continuation of subject matter.

Pre-filed testimony and discovery for the following is due June 7, 2004.

- Tuesday June 15 Council's Underground Transmission Consultant.
- Wednesday, June 16 Ecological, historic, scenic and recreational values.
- Thursday June 17 Continuation of subject matter.

2. Before each group of evidentiary hearings, parties and intervenors are encouraged to file pre-hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with all other parties and intervenors. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing.
3. All parties and intervenors shall resolve discrepancies regarding appearances of witnesses. The order of appearances must be presented to the Council no later than the determined pre-file date.
4. The Council requests filings be in electronic PDF format on floppy disc, compact disc, or via email.
5. The Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper, consistent State Solid Waste Management Plan. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.
6. Parties and intervenors with the same interest are encouraged to form groups for the purpose of cross examination and presentation of witnesses and exhibits. These groupings shall notify the Council and all other parties and intervenors no later than the determined pre-file date.
7. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
8. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants. ***No repetition of facts will be allowed.*** (Emphasis added)

Directions to:  
Institute of Technology and Business Development  
Central Connecticut State University  
185 Main Street New Britain, CT 06051

**From I-84 East (Waterbury)**

Exit 35 (left exit) onto Route 72 East. Take third exit, marked Main Street. At the end of the exit take a right and travel one block to Chestnut Street. Turn right onto Chestnut Street and travel one block to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and ITBD is one block on the right.

**From I-84 West (Hartford)**

Exit 39A onto Route 9 South. Take Exit 27 - Chestnut Street (left exit). At the end of the exit take a right onto Chestnut Street and proceed through the second light to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and ITBD is one block on the right.

**From South (Route 9, 91, or 15)**

Travel north on Route 9 to Exit 26 (Downtown New Britain Exit). Go straight at the end of the exit and left at the second traffic light onto Chestnut Street. Go through one traffic light to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and ITBD is one block on the right.

**Municipal Parking Garage (Chestnut Street):**

Short-term visitor parking is located in the ITBD building garage. Long-term parking is available in the Municipal Parking garage on Chestnut Street.