

January 13, 2004

TO: Parties and Intervenors

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.

At a pre-hearing conference held January 8, 2004, at the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) office, the Council requested that the following format be used for the public hearings for this docket.

1. The Council will conduct evening hearing sessions in the Towns of Bridgeport, Westport, Milford Weston, Wallingford, Woodbridge, and Middletown for the public to make statements into the record.
2. The Council proposes to begin evidentiary hearings on March 23, 2004. This hearing is reserved for cross-examination and presentation of evidence for the public need for the proposed project.
3. The Council is requesting proposals for underground electric transmission consultant. Bids for RFP are due February 4, 2004.
4. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants. No repetition of facts will be allowed.
5. A verbatim transcript of all hearing sessions will be made and deposited with the Town or City clerks of Middletown, Middlefield, Haddam, Durham, Meriden, Wallingford, Cheshire, Hamden, Bethany, Woodbridge, Orange, West Haven, Milford, Stratford, Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport, and Norwalk, Easton, Trumbull, Weston Wilton, North Haven and New Haven Bethel, Redding, Norwalk, Weston and Wilton Town Halls for the convenience of the public.
6. Before March 9, 2004, all 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. Public need shall be addressed in pre-filed testimony and appearance by appropriate witnesses. 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.
7. The Council requests filings be in electronic PDF format on floppy disc, compact disc, or via email.
8. Additional hearing session(s) will be announced by the Council to provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to present exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by all parties and intervenors in the order that they were made parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to present their exhibits and witness panels in the order in which they were made parties and intervenors, and be subject to cross-examination by the

applicant and all other parties and intervenors. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Arguments will be entertained in writing after the close of the last hearing session.

9. The Council requests that all testimony and exhibits regarding public need be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by March 9, 2004. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.
10. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of facts within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
11. Members of the public will be allowed to submit public statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
12. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and public statements will be final and no extensions will be granted.
13. The Council may, at its discretion, provide for the grouping of parties and intervenors with the same interest.
14. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
15. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to file a written petition with the Council on or before March 18, 2004.
16. Enclosed is a list of items the Council wishes to notice administratively. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the hearing.
17. The Council will conduct public field reviews of the proposed and alternative routes on the days of evening hearing sessions. These field reviews will be done in segments. Notice of the public field reviews will be sent to parties and intervenors.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Administrative Notice List

Administrative Notice List
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Report of the National Energy Policy Development Group, National Energy Policy, United States Government Printing Office, Washington D.C., May 2001.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and U.S. Department of Energy, Questions and Answers About EMF Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power, United States Government Printing Office, Washington D.C., January 1995.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, NIEHS Working Group Report, Assessment of Health Effects from Exposure to Power-line Frequency Electric and Magnetic Fields, NIH Publication No.98-3981, August 1998

Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures, EIA-222-F, Electronics Industries Association, June 1996.

2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, as amended.

Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 1998-2003, adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly, 1998.

Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Connecticut Electric Utilities' Twenty-Year Forecasts of Loads and Resources, November 2003.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Guidelines for the Protection of Natural Historic Scenic and Recreational Values in the Design and Location of Rights-of-Way and Transmission Facilities.

Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 5 - CL&P 345-kV Transmission Line between New Milford and Bethel, Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 26 - CL&P Reconstruction of an Overhead 115-kV Line Between Plumtree Substation and Ridgefield Junction in Redding, Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 57 - CL&P Reconstruction of an Overhead 115-kV Line Between Trumbull Junction and Old Town Substation in Bridgeport, Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 105 - CL&P Reconstruction of the Stevenson-Newtown-Plumtree 115-kV Line, Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 217 - Northeast Utilities Service Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a 345-kV electric transmission line and reconstruction of an existing 115-kV electric transmission line between Connecticut Light and Power Company's Plumtree Substation in Bethel, through the Towns of Redding, Weston, and Wilton, and to Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut. Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order

Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 141 - CL&P and UI Construction of a 115-kV Line Between Pequonnock Substation in Bridgeport and Ely Avenue Junction in Norwalk, Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Connecticut Siting Council Life Cycle Cost Studies for Overhead and Underground Transmission Lines, March 1996 and the Update of Life-Cycle Cost Studies for Overhead and Underground Transmission Lines - 1996, May 2001, both by ACRES International.

ISO-NE 2003 Regional Transmission Expansion Plan.