

<p>DOCKET NO. 327 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed substation located off Commerce Drive, Oxford, Connecticut.</p>	<p>} } } }</p>	<p>Connecticut Siting Council July 26, 2007</p>
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Decision and Order

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that the effects associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new substation located off Commerce Drive in Oxford, including effects on the natural environment; ecological integrity and balance; forests and parks; scenic, historic, and recreational values; air and water purity; fish and wildlife; and public health and safety are not disproportionate either alone or cumulatively with other effects compared to need, are not in conflict with the policies of the State concerning such effects, and are not sufficient reason to deny the application. Therefore, the Council directs that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, as provided by General Statutes § 16-50k, be issued to The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new substation.

The facility shall be constructed, operated, and maintained substantially as specified in the Council's record in this matter, and is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Development and Management Plan shall include the following elements:
 - a) A final site plan showing the placement of all substation equipment, structures, and buildings within the substation perimeter, landscape plantings, access, and the location of all temporary and permanent tap structures;
 - b) Erosion and sediment controls consistent with the 2002 *Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls*; and
 - c) Provisions for storm water management and oil containment.
2. The Certificate Holder shall comply with all future electric and magnetic field standards promulgated by State or federal regulatory agencies. Upon the establishment of any new standards, the facilities granted in this Decision and Order shall be brought into compliance with such standards as soon as practical.
3. The Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice two weeks prior to the commencement of site construction activities. In addition, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice of the completion of site construction and the commencement of substation operation.
4. The Certificate Holder shall notify the Council if and when substation operations terminate.

5. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, this Decision and Order shall be void if all construction authorized herein is not completed within five years of the effective date of the Decision and Order, or within five years after all appeals to this Decision and Order have been resolved.

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The parties and intervenors to this proceeding are:

Applicant

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

Its Representative

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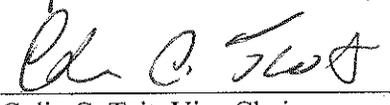
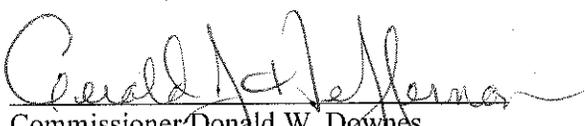
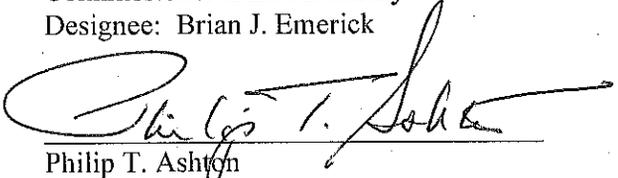
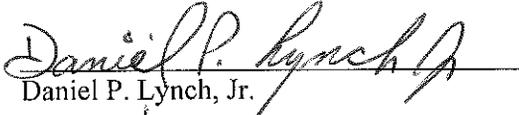
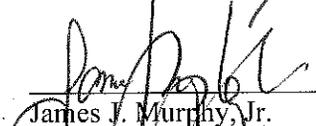
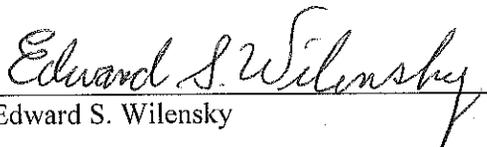
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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby certify that they have heard this case, or read the record thereof, in **DOCKET NO. 327** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed substation located off Commerce Drive, Oxford, Connecticut, and voted as follows to approve the proposed site:

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Vote Cast</u>
 _____ Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman	Yes
 _____ Colin C. Tait, Vice Chairman	Yes
 _____ Commissioner Donald W. Downes Designee: Gerald J. Heffernan	Yes
_____ Commissioner Gina McCarthy Designee: Brian J. Emerick	Absent
 _____ Philip T. Ashton	Yes
 _____ Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.	Yes
 _____ James J. Murphy, Jr.	Yes
 _____ Dr. Barbara Currier Bell	Yes
 _____ Edward S. Wilensky	Yes

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, July 26, 2007.

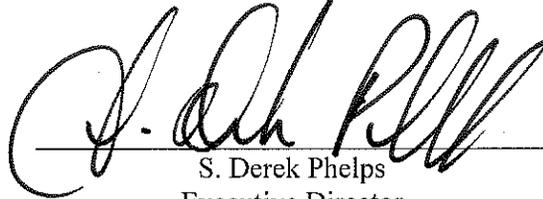
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ss. New Britain, Connecticut :

COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order issued by the Connecticut Siting Council, State of Connecticut.

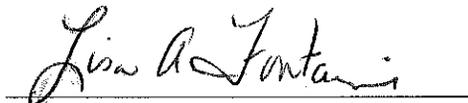
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S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council

I certify that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order in Docket No. 327 has been forwarded by Certified First Class Return Receipt Requested mail on July 27, 2007, to all parties and intervenors of record as listed on the attached service list, dated January 3, 2007.

ATTEST:



Lisa A. Fontaine
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Connecticut Siting Council

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST

Status Granted	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
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