

AN APPLICATION BY NORTHEAST UTILITIES : CONNECTICUT SITTING
FOR THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY :
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND : COUNCIL

PUBLIC NEED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION
UNDERGROUND OF TWO EXISTING 345 KV
TRANSMISSION LINES AND ONE EXISTING
115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE WHICH CROSS
THE CONNECTICUT RIVER BETWEEN
MIDDLETOWN AND EAST HAMPTON AT
SCOVILL ROCK.

: October 1, 1981

D E C I S I O N A N D O R D E R

Based on the foregoing, the application of the Hartford Electric Light Company to modify the existing river crossing at Scovill Rock between East Hampton and Middletown is hereby granted. A certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, as required by section 16-50k of the General Statutes of Connecticut, revisions of 1958, revised to 1981, as amended, shall be issued, subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. The facility shall be modified as proposed by the applicant in accordance with the specifications set forth in its application and in the record for Alternative C-2, which construction shall be more specifically detailed in a Right of Way Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan) hereinafter provided for.
2. The towers shall be no higher above their supporting foundations than 210 feet on the east bank and 185 feet on the west bank.
3. The applicant shall modify the facility in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.
4. The applicant shall, prior to the commencement of construction of the modification, submit for the Council's approval a Right of Way D&M Plan. The plan shall be prepared as specified in section 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
5. The applicant shall, prior to the commencement of construction, submit for the Council's approval its proposal for the final color of the structures.

6. This Decision and Order shall be void if the transmission construction authorized under this decision and order is not completed three years from the date of this decision or if any appeal is taken, three years from the date a said appeal is concluded.

We hereby direct, pursuant to section 16-50p(c) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, revisions of 1958, revised to 1981, as amended, that a copy of this Opinion, Order, and Decision be served on each party as hereinafter named. A notice of the issuance of the Order and Opinion shall be published in the Hartford Courant and the Middletown Press.

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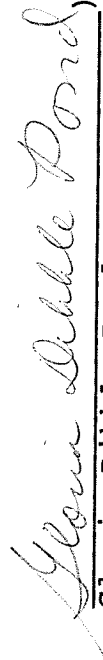
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council hereby certify that they have heard this case or read the record thereof, and that we voted as follows:

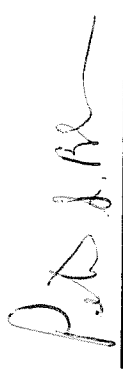
Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 1st day of October, 1981.

Council Members

Vote Cast


Gloria Dibble Pond
Chairperson


Yes


Commissioner Thomas Fitzpatrick
Designee: Peter G. Boucher

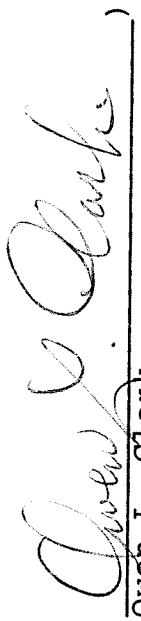
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Commissioner Stanley Pac

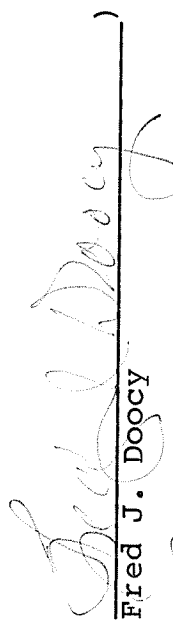
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Sarah M. Bates

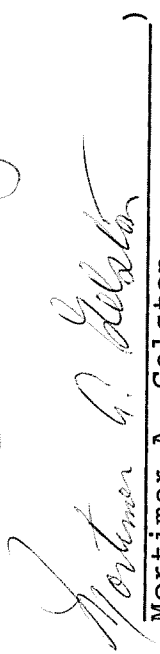
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(dissent)


No


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Yes


Mortimer A. Gelston

Yes


James G. Horsfall

Yes


Colin C. Tait

Yes

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
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COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

Hartford, October 1, 1981

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy
of the decision and order issued by the Connecticut Siting Council,
State of Connecticut.

Raeanne V. Curtis

Raeanne V. Curtis, Executive Assistant
Connecticut Siting Council