

DECISION AND ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the application of the Connecticut Light and Power Company to construct a 345 KV overhead electric transmission line between New Milford and Danbury and for the reconstruction of a major portion of the existing 115 KV overhead electric transmission line between the same terminals is hereby granted. A certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, as required by section 16-50k of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, revised to 1972, as amended, shall be issued, subject to the following terms, conditions and modifications.

1. The facility shall be constructed along the route proposed by the applicant and fully in accordance with the specifications set forth in its application, except as hereinafter provided.
2. The applicant shall construct the transmission line in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.
3. In the Altermatts Pond area the 115 KV line shall be constructed on single steel poles and steel H-frame structures shall be used for the 345 KV line.
4. Steel crossing structures shall be used instead of wood at the crossing of the Housatonic River.
5. At the relocation closer to the Still River in Brookfield, just north of Silvermine Road in Brookfield, the applicant shall preserve the growth of trees referred to in the record.

6. Two angles shall be made in the right-of-way as it passes through Berkshire Industrial Park in order to avoid a conflict with existing buildings.

7. The applicant shall select a conductor size which will minimize radio noise generation.

8. The applicant shall, prior to the commencement of construction of the certified facility, submit for the Council's approval a Right-of-Way Development and Management Plan, developed in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection. Said plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following information.

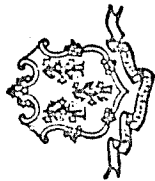
- (a) Characterization of soils, geology, wetlands and depth to water table at sites for structures or access roads.
- (b) Dominant vegetation and wildlife characteristics for each section of the route.
- (c) Areas for the potential recreational use of the right-of-way.
- (d) Specifications regarding the location and construction of structures.
- (e) The location of material staging areas.
- (f) Vegetation clearing instructions, rehabilitation plans and the availability of supervisory personnel.
- (g) The frequency and method of right-of-way maintenance.
- (h) Chemicals to be used in right-of-way maintenance and probable locations for such use.
- (i) Any agreements with abutters or other property owners regarding special maintenance precautions.

(j) Identification of portions of the right-of-way abutting recreational areas and points of public access.

Upon consideration of this plan and the comments of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Council, within 90 days of the receipt of said plan, will approve or modify the Right-of-Way Development and Management Plan.

We hereby direct, pursuant to section 16-50(q) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, revised to 1972, as amended, that a copy of this opinion, order and decision be served on each party as hereinafter named and published in The Newtown Bee, New Milford Times, The Brookfield Journal, The Home News, The Waterbury American, The Waterbury Republican and The Danbury News-Times.

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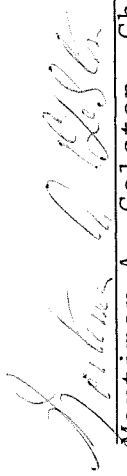
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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned members of the Power Facility Evaluation Council who have signed this Decision and Order hereby certify that they have heard this case or read the record thereof.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 24th day of February, 1975.

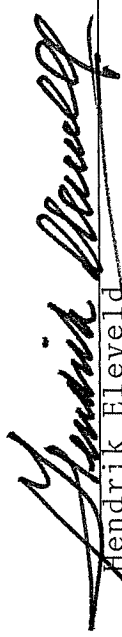

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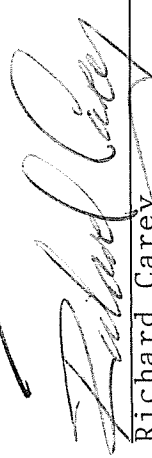

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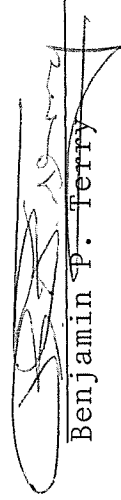
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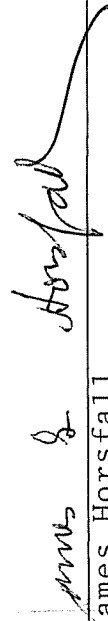

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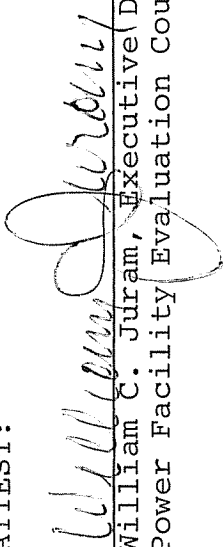
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Hartford, February 24, 1975

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy
of the decision and order issued by the Power Facility Evaluation
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