

DOCKET NO. 98 - An application of the Connecticut Light and Power Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for an underground electrical transmission line running from the Exeter Energy Project in Sterling, Connecticut, to an existing CL&P overhead transmission line in Plainfield, Connecticut. : Connecticut : Siting Council : May 15, 1989

### DECISION AND ORDER

The application submitted by the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) to construct a 115-kV underground electric transmission line to interconnect the Exeter Energy facility in the Town of Sterling, Connecticut, to CL&P's existing overhead line in Plainfield, Connecticut, is hereby approved. A Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, as provided by Section 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) shall be issued, subject to the following terms, limitations, and conditions. Any changes to specifications pertaining to the following conditions, notice, and report requirements will require Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approval.

1. Conditions

- a. The line shall be constructed substantially as proposed in the application and as detailed for the Council's record.
- b. The Certificate Holder shall follow the State of Connecticut Guidelines for Erosion and Sediment Control during construction.
- c. The Certificate will be void if all construction authorized herein is not completed by May 15, 1993, or within three years after the completion of any appeals taken to this Decision and Order.

2. Notifications

The Certificate Holder shall provide the Council notification of the following:

- o Commencement of construction;
- o Commencement of testings; and
- o Commencement of operation.

3. Development and Management Plan

The Certificate Holder shall, prior to the commencement of line construction, submit the following items as part of an overall Development and Management (D&M) Plan for Council approval, modification, or denial within 45 days of the Council's receipt of such plan, as required in Section 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of State Agencies. All plans are to include design, placement, implementation, and scheduling details. The Certificate Holder may consult with Council staff in the preparation of the D&M plan and the following:

- o Final procedures for traffic management in the area during construction;
- o Procedures for the disposal of excess excavated materials removed from the trench and disposed in an approved area;
- o A finalized erosion and sedimentation control plan identifying the placement, use, and removal of all control measures for protecting stands of the Hartford fern, the Moosup River, and any location where construction may create drainage problems;
- o Procedures and schedule for any night and/or weekend construction if necessary; and
- o A dust control monitoring plan including parameters for identification of a dust problem, and mitigation measures.

4. Reports

In accordance with the D&M Plan, the Certificate Holder shall provide the following reports to the Council and may consult with Council staff in the preparation thereof:

- a. A monthly progress report starting with the commencement of construction;
- b. A final report upon project completion.

5. Permits

When available, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with copies of all final permits, agreements, and decisions relating to the construction and operation of the line.

Pursuant to Section 16-50p of the CGS, the Council hereby directs that a copy of the Opinion and the Decision and Order shall be served on each person listed below and that notice of the issuance shall be published in the Norwich Bulletin.

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 State Agencies.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council hereby certify that they have heard this case in Docket No. 98 or read the record thereof, and that we voted as follows:

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut the 15th day of May, 1989.

| <u>Council Members</u>   | <u>Vote Cast</u> |
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| <u>Gloria Dibble Pond</u><br>Gloria Dibble Pond<br>Chairperson                         | YES              |
| <u>Ralph E. Reuss</u><br>Commissioner Peter Boucher<br>Designee: Ralph E. Reuss        | YES              |
| <u>Brian J. Emerick</u><br>Commissioner Leslie Carothers<br>Designee: Brian J. Emerick | YES              |
| <u>Harry E. Covey</u><br>Harry E. Covey  | YES              |
| <u>Mortimer A. Gelston</u><br>Mortimer A. Gelston                                      | YES              |
| <u>Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.</u><br>Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.                                    | YES              |
| <u>Paulann H. Sheets</u><br>Paulann H. Sheets  | ABSTAIN          |
| <u>William H. Smith</u><br>William H. Smith  | YES              |
| <u>Colin C. Tait</u><br>Colin C. Tait  | ABSTAIN          |