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Robert Stein, Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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RE: The Connecticut Light and Power Company's Notice of Installation of Replacement For Damaged Energy Component of Existing Energy Facilities northeast of Keagan Road in the Town of Plymouth, Connecticut Pursuant to RCSA § 16-50j-57(a)(1) ("Notice of Exempt Modification")

Dear Chairman Stein:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P"), hereby provides notice to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") in accordance with Section 16-50j-57(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies of an exempt modification of CL&P's energy facilities described herein.

### **Modification – Replacement of Damaged Energy Components**

Pursuant to its general maintenance work in support of continued reliable operation and service, CL&P has begun the work of replacing three damaged line support structures within CL&P's right-of-way in Plymouth, Connecticut:

- Replace existing direct-embed laminated wooden structures 25033, 25034 and 25035 with three new direct-embed weathering steel structures. The new structure heights for the weathering steel structures would be 88.5 feet above ground level. The height of the existing laminated wood structure is in the range of 80 to 85 feet above ground level.

The existing structures have been compromised due to woodpecker damage. The existing structures will be removed immediately after installation of the new structures.

CL&P respectfully submits that the proposed structure replacements ("Work Activities") would have no "substantial adverse environmental effect" pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50k, based on the following factors:

- 1) Work Activities will remain within CL&P's existing right-of-way ("ROW") and access routes. CL&P has easement rights within the ROW, which allow CL&P access to maintain, repair, replace and/or improve the infrastructure of the electrical facilities. CL&P accessed the damaged structures from its right-of-way at the intersection of South Street and Keegan Road.
- 2) There are no flood zones, wetlands or waterways within the areas where the Work Activities would be performed or access routes.
- 3) CL&P's review of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") Natural Diversity Data Base identified there are no state-listed endangered, threatened, or special concern species in the vicinity of the Work Activities.
- 4) Any changes in electric and magnetic field levels off of the ROW would be negligible.

The Work Activities started on January 13, 2015 and are expected to be completed by January 24, 2015.

A notice was provided to the Mayor of Plymouth and the abutting property owners.

Communications regarding this Notice of Exempt Modification should be directed to John Morissette at (860) 728-4532.

By:



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Attachment: Affidavit of Service

cc: Mayor David V. Merchant, Town of Plymouth

