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March 31, 2004

Ms. Pamela B. Katz, Chairman
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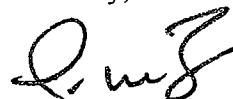
Re: Docket No. 272 - Connecticut Light & Power Company and United Illuminating Company
Application for a New 345-kV Electric Transmission Line Between Scovill Rock
Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk

Dear Chairman Katz:

On behalf of the Town of Westport, I hereby submit to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") and to the parties and intervenors identified on the Council's service list, the following documents:

1. Resolution from Moderator of Representative Town Meeting dated March 22, 2004 urging the Connecticut Siting Council to approve the Westport portion of the line which is to be completely underground and urging undergrounding in other towns as much as possible.
2. Letter from Alicia M. Mozian, Conservation Director, dated February 4, 2004, stressing the environmental importance of undergrounding.
3. Letter from Katherine Barnard, Director of Planning, dated February 20, 2004, emphasizing the importance of undergrounding.

Sincerely,



Ira W. Bloom

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Enclosures

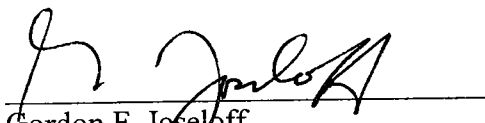


Westport Connecticut Representative Town Meeting

Gordon F. Joseloff
Moderator

I, Gordon F. Joseloff, as Moderator of the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Westport legislative body, hereby certify that on March 9, 2004, the RTM passed the following Sense of the Meeting resolution to be submitted to the Connecticut Siting Council:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the RTM Environment Committee, a Sense of the Meeting resolution urging the Connecticut Siting Council to approve that portion of the CL&P and UI proposal (Docket No.272) which provides for the Westport lines to be completely underground, expressing the belief that keeping the lines underground will preserve historic, cultural, ecological and recreational values in Westport, and further urging placement of power lines underground as much as possible in other towns to preserve these same values is hereby approved.


Gordon F. Joseloff
Moderator, Representative Town Meeting

March 22, 2004



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February 4, 2004

Connecticut Siting Council
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Re: Docket #272, CL&P and United Illuminating application to construct a 345 kv electric transmission line and reconstruct existing 115 kv electric transmission lines between Middletown and Norwalk.

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written to respectfully request that the Siting Council accept the proposed plan which locates the transmission upgrades underground in Westport. In accordance with Section 16-50g of the Connecticut General Statutes the Council is to consider the impact a proposal may have on the scenic, historic, recreational and environmental resources of the area.

Westport is a coastal community and as such is vulnerable to hurricanes, floods, ice storms and nor'easter storm events. Placing the transmission lines underground protects the lines from such natural disasters. In addition, locating the transmission lines underground eliminates the need for clear cutting of vegetation that would be necessary to install the lines and for the on-going pruning that would be required for many years to come.

For these reasons the Westport Conservation Department requests that the proposed transmission lines adhere to the currently proposed plan which is to install the lines underground.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Alicia M. Mozian
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Conservation Director

Cc: Diane Farrell, First Selectwoman

Cl&p underground



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February 10, 2004

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Re: Docket No. 272
CL&P and United Illuminating application to construct a 345-KV electric transmission line and reconstruct existing 115-KV electric transmission line between Middletown and Norwalk

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Westport Planning and Zoning Commission and Planning and Zoning staff to urge you to support the proposal by CL&P to install transmission lines underground through the Town of Westport.

In accordance with Section 16-50g of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Siting Council is required to consider the impact a proposal might have on the scenic, historic, recreational and environmental resources of the area.

The proposal as described by the applicants at public meetings held in Westport on June 19, 2003 and October 27, 2003 has been rerouted so as not to disrupt a local historic district, thus minimizing damage to historic values. Further, the proposed installation of the underground transmission lines will protect the landscaping areas along the Post Road and protect the scenic and ecological value of these areas. Lastly, the underground portions of the project will be constructed under existing roadways or along an existing right-of-way; therefore, no additional right-of-way will be needed.

We support installation of underground transmission lines in Westport, not overhead transmission lines. Overhead transmission lines have adverse visual impacts and can degrade the character of a community. Underground transmission lines are less intrusive and may offer more long term reliability.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Barnard".

Katherine Barnard
Director Planning and Zoning

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Docket: 272

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