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January 6, 2012

Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager
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Northeast Utilities Service Company
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 370** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation. Development and Management Rock Blasting Plan for North Bloomfield Substation.

Dear Mr. Carberry:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on January 5, 2012, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Rock Blasting Plan for the North Bloomfield Substation.

This approval applies only to the D&M Rock Blasting Plan submitted on December 15, 2011. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated January 5, 2012.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

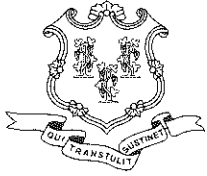
Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated January 5, 2012

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c: Parties and Intervenors



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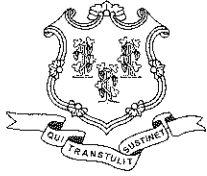
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NOTICE OF SERVICE

I hereby affirm that a photocopy of this document was sent to each Party and Intervenor on the service list dated December 14, 2011, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via either e-mail or hard-copy on January 6, 2012.

Dated: January 6, 2012

Jessica Brito-Weston
Secretary I



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Docket No. 370

The Connecticut Light and Power Company Greater Springfield Reliability Project – North Bloomfield Substation Development and Management Plan

Blasting Plan

January 5, 2012

On October 21, 2011, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the North Bloomfield Substation in Bloomfield. At the time of submittal of the D&M Plan for North Bloomfield Substation, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) did not anticipate blasting would be necessary for the construction of the substation expansion. Subsequently, CL&P's construction contractor has determined that controlled blasting would be required for rock removal in the expansion area. On December 15, 2011, CL&P submitted a Blasting Plan for North Bloomfield Substation.

CL&P has determined that controlled blasting would be less of an adverse impact to nearby landowners than hoe-ramming, as originally proposed, because it would be done over a shorter duration. Blasting would take approximately eight working days, compared to hoe-ramming, which would take approximately three weeks.

Blasting methods would comply with the CL&P blasting plan pursuant to State and Local Fire Marshal regulations. CL&P would conduct a pre-blast survey at each of the 12 nearby residences approximately two to three weeks prior to blasting.

Blasting would occur in an approximately 9,000 square foot area in the southeast corner of the expansion. The expansion area is bordered by Griffin Brook to the east, Hoskins Road to the west, the existing substation to the north and wetlands to the south.

A vibration monitoring device would be placed along the perimeter of the substation property near the closest CL&P support structure within the existing substation. Monitoring would be conducted by a third party contractor. Vibration along the west and north side of the property boundaries would be kept below a maximum Peak Particle Velocity of 2 in./sec.

CL&P has consulted with the Town of Bloomfield regarding the proposed blasting. The Town of Bloomfield is in agreement that the proposed blasting would be less of an impact to surrounding residents.

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST**

Status Granted	Document Service	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Party (granted on April 7, 2009)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	City of Meriden	Deborah L. Moore, City Attorney Meriden City Hall Department of Law 142 East Main St. Meriden, CT 06450 (203) 630-4045 (203) 630-7907 – fax dmoore@ci.meriden.ct.us
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Party (granted on April 7, 2009)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail	The United Illuminating Company (UI)	John J. Prete The United Illuminating Company 157 Church Street, P.O. Box 1564 New Haven, CT 06506-1904 (203) 499-3701 (203) 499-3728 news-ui@uinet.com
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail		Linda L. Randell Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary UIL Holdings Corporation 157 Church St., P.O. Box 1564 New Haven, CT 06506-0901 (203) 499-2575 (203) 499-3664 Linda.randell@uinet.com
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Intervenor (granted on June 4, 2009)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Farmington River Watershed Association	Eileen Fielding Farmington River Watershed Association 749 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070 (860) 658-4442 (860) 651-7519 fax efielding@frwa.org
Party (granted on June 4, 2009)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	Citizens Against Overhead Power Line Construction	Citizens Against Overhead Power Line Construction c/o Richard Legere 1204 Newgate Road West Suffield, CT 06093 (860) 668- 0848 (860) 668-0848 rlegere@cox.net

