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September 20, 2013

Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager
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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 Plan Revision.

Dear Mr. Carberry:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on September 19, 2013, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan Revision submitted for this project, dated August 28, 2013, for proposed changes to the area around Structure #10 in East Granby.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan Revision, dated August 28, 2013. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Please be advised that changes 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 September 19, 2013.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/CMW/laf

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated September 19, 2013

c: Parties and Intervenors



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Docket No. 370

The Connecticut Light and Power Company
Greater Springfield Reliability Project

Staff Report

September 19, 2013

On August 30, 2013, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) submitted a request for a revision to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Greater Springfield Reliability Project 345-kV overhead transmission line. CL&P proposes a change to the area around Structure #10 in East Granby.

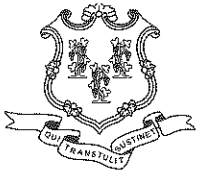
Structure #10 is located on steeply sloping CL&P-owned property between Tunxis Avenue and the Farmington River, near the Tariffville Gorge. The property was once the site of a hydroelectric plant and is now used by river paddlers to portage canoes and kayaks from the river to Tunxis Avenue.

For the construction of this area, CL&P had to use fill on the steep slopes to create a level work area for the construction pad in three tiers. A minor relocation of an existing access road between Tunxis Avenue and the river bank was necessary for construction.

During restoration activities for this area, CL&P re-established previous contours to the extent possible, while allowing for a smaller, level work area at structure #10, recreating the previous access to the river bank, and using rip-rap to stabilize slopes that were previously protected by forest vegetation. Not all construction pad material was removed.

On the lower tier, all fill material was removed below the Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain line, the area above the floodplain line was reshaped to the approximately original slopes, and a stable gravel access road was left in place for the paddlers and maintenance vehicles. On the middle tier, the grade was lowered by about two feet by removing the fill material and reshaping the area to create stables slopes on the downhill side, while leaving an access road spur for future structure access. On the upper tier, the fill material was pulled back at its edges, and a portion was removed. The remaining fill on the upper tier will maintain level access to structure #10 from Tunxis Avenue.

The proposed revision is consistent with the D&M Plan change process outlined in Appendix F of the D&M Plan. The revision is minor and the plan is consistent with the Council's Decision and Order.



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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 January 13, 2012, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via e-mail and U.S. mail on September 20, 2013.

Dated: September 20, 2013

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Fontaine".

Lisa Fontaine
Custodian of Docket No. 370