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November 4, 2013

John Morissette
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 424** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation. Material Laydown Sites.

Dear Mr. Morissette:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on October 31, 2013, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on October 17, 2013, for potential material laydown/staging locations for the construction of the Interstate Reliability Project electric transmission lines, with the following conditions:

1. That no heavy equipment be used at the locations at 79 Boston Post Road in Windham and 891 North Main Street in Killingly prior to 6:30 a.m.
2. For the property at 87 Boston Post Road in Windham:
 - a. A sweep of the property is conducted for the presence of the eastern hognose snake prior to any activities or other use of the property related to Interstate;
 - b. Exclusionary silt fencing be installed around the entire laydown area to ensure that the eastern hognose snake cannot enter the site; and
 - c. Eastern hognose snake mitigation measures to be implemented for Interstate transmission line construction also be used for this laydown site.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan (Material Laydown Sites) submitted October 17, 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 October 31, 2013.



Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/CMW/laf

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated October 31, 2013

c: Parties and Intervenors

The Honorable Austin T. Tanner, First Selectman, Town of Brooklyn
Chester Dobrowski, Zoning Enforcement Office, Town of Brooklyn
The Honorable William H. Rose, IV, First Selectman, Town of Chaplin
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Paul Stahl, Town Planner, Town of Columbia
The Honorable Elizabeth Woolf, Chairman Town Council, Town of Coventry
John Elsesser, Town Manager, Town of Coventry
Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning & Development, Town of Coventry
The Honorable Allan Cahill, First Selectman, Town of Hampton
Martha Fraenkel, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Hampton
The Honorable Dennis Alemian, Chairman Town Council, Town of Killingly
Bruce Benway, Town Manager, Town of Killingly
Roget Gandolf, Zoning Officer, Town of Killingly
The Honorable Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman, Town of Lebanon
James Jahoda, Planning/Zoning Comm. Chrm., Town of Lebanon
The Honorable Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor, Town of Mansfield
Mathew Hart, Town Manager, Town of Mansfield
Linda M. Painter, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Mansfield
The Honorable James S. Rivers, First Selectman, Town of Pomfret
Walter P. Hinchman, Planning and Zoning Chairman, Town of Pomfret
The Honorable Larry Groh, First Selectman, Town of Thompson
John E. Mahon, Jr., Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Thompson
The Honorable Ernest S. Eldridge, First Selectman, Town of Windham
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James E. Finger, Town Planner, Town of Windham

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**Development and Management Plan
Material Laydown Sites
Staff Report**

On October 18, 2013, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) submitted to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) a list of potential material laydown/staging locations for the construction of the Interstate Reliability Project electric transmission lines. The potential sites were identified by CL&P's line contractor, PAR Electric Contractors, Inc. This submission is consistent with the Council's Decision and Order Condition (3n).

The locations of the potential material laydown/staging areas include:

1. 79 Boston Post Road, Windham – property of a former quarry
2. 87 Boston Post Road, Windham – property of a former quarry
3. 6 Industrial Park Drive, North Windham – property of a vacant storage facility
4. 8 Industrial Park Drive, North Windham – property of the Town of Windham's Public Works Facility
5. 891 North Main Street, Killingly – property of a former drive-in theater

The sites will include construction trailers and temporary bathroom facilities and be used for:

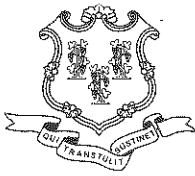
- Storing construction materials, equipment, tools, and supplies;
- Parking construction vehicles, equipment and construction-crew personal vehicles;
- Minor maintenance of construction equipment;
- Storing and assembling line-structure components in advance of delivery to the project right-of-way; and
- Temporarily storing materials from disassembled structures prior to disposal.

The properties may need some grading and graveling to create a level base for material laydown. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained around the sites, as necessary.

The areas near the proposed sites are generally commercial and industrial; however, the sites at 79 Boston Post Road in Windham and 891 North Main Street in Killingly have residences nearby. CL&P will provide notice and project information to the residences within 300 feet of the laydown sites prior to commencement of site use.

Staff recommends approval of use of the identified material laydown/staging sites with the following conditions:

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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 October 4, 2012, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via e-mail and U.S. mail on November 4, 2013.

Dated: November 4, 2013

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