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February 24, 2014

John Morissette, Project Manager
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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.

Dear Mr. Morissette:

Pursuant to a decision made in accordance with R.C.S.A. §16-50j-62 (b) at a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on October 31, 2013, Council staff hereby approves the locations of the staging areas for this project submitted to the Council on February 20, 2014. The staging areas include three staging sites east of Route 169 in Brooklyn, one staging area at 388 River Road in Putnam, and one staging area on Plains Road in Windham. The staging areas in Brooklyn are in upland forested areas adjacent to an existing off-right-of-way access road. The staging areas in Putnam and Windham are both entirely within previously disturbed sand/gravel mining areas. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained around all of the proposed staging areas, in accordance with the Best Management Practices presented in the approved Development and Management Plan.

This approval applies only to the proposed staging areas provided in a request dated February 20, 2014. Any additional changes to the D&M Plan require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's approval of the D&M Plan on October 31, 2013. 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.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

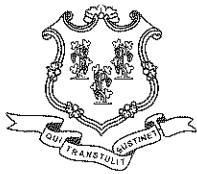
Melanie Bachman
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The Honorable Rich Ives, First Selectman, Town of Brooklyn
Jana Butts Roberson, AICP, Land Use Administrator, Town of Brooklyn
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The Honorable Ernest Eldridge, Mayor, Town of Windham
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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 February 6, 2014, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via e-mail and U.S. mail on February 24, 2014.

Dated: February 24, 2014

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