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February 26, 2014

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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 and per your email request of February 26, 2014, Council staff hereby approves temporary changes to construction work hours for the Interstate Reliability Project. Work is scheduled to occur:

- from March 17 through March 27, 2014, including work on Sunday, March 23 at Card Street Substation in Lebanon;
- from April 14 through April 26, 2014 including Sunday, April 20 and including extended work hours, as necessary, beyond the Council-approved 10-hour work day to allow modifications to the existing 347 Line to support the installation of the new 345-kV line in Putnam and Thompson; and
- from May 31 through June 6, 2014, including work on Sunday, June 1 and would include extended work hours beyond the Council-approved 10-hour work day to install new 345-kV line conductors between Lake Road Switching Station and Killingly Substation in Killingly.

The additional work hours are requested to allow work to occur during CONVEX-approved outage periods. The Project Community Relations team will inform neighboring property owners, businesses, and the affected towns about the proposed work.

This approval applies only to the proposed temporary construction hour changes provided in an email request on February 26, 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,

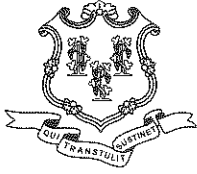


Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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Bruce E. Benway, Town Manager, Town of Killingly
Linda E. Walden, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Killingly
The Honorable Joyce Okunuk, First Selectman, Town of Lebanon
Philip Chester, AICP, Town Planner, Town of Lebanon
The Honorable Tony Falzarano, Mayor, Town of Putnam
Douglas Cutler, Town Administrator, Town of Putnam
Gerard Cotnoir, Planning Chairman, Town of Putnam
The Honorable Paul A. Lenky, First Selectman, Town of Thompson
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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 26, 2014.

Dated: February 26, 2014

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Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 8:19 AM

To: Bachman, Melanie; Christina.Walch@ct.gov

Subject: Docket 424 - Interstate Reliability Project

Good morning Melanie and Christina:

CL&P hereby requests Connecticut Siting Council (Council) staff approval of a Development and Management (D&M) Plan Change for the extended work hours described below or, alternatively, staff acknowledgement that prior approval is not needed pursuant to Sections 4 and 7.2 of the Interstate Reliability Project (Project) D&M Plan for Modifications to the Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation and the D&M Plan for the New 345-kV Transmission Line and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines.

Section 4.2 of the Substation and Transmission Line D&M Plans explains:

“Construction work hours at each station will typically consist of a 10-hour period between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, six days a week (Monday through Saturday). ... However, certain activities, such as those that must be performed during The Connecticut Valley Exchange (CONVEX) - approved equipment outages and for additions and modifications within the station control enclosures, will involve work during non-typical hours, in some cases on a continuous (24-hour) basis and/or on Sundays. The performance of these activities during non-typical work hours will be critical for completing the required work within the allowed outage durations.”

Section 4.1 of the D&M Plan for the new 345-kV Transmission Line and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines notes that outages will be required on some of the existing transmission and distribution lines that occupy the Project rights-of-way (ROWs), and explains that such outages are expected to occur between the first quarter of 2014 and the last quarter of 2015.

CONVEX has now approved specific outages for the Project work.

Accordingly, CL&P seeks Council staff approval for work on Sundays during the following CONVEX-approved outage periods:

1. **March 17 - March 27, 2014, including work on Sunday, March 23: Card Street Substation, Town of Lebanon.** This work is required to support the installation of the temporary 345-kV bus and the installation of the 4T-4 disconnect switch, and will include the installation of two direct-embed support structures, as well as connection and testing activities.
2. **April 14 - 26, 2014, including work on Sunday, April 20: Towns of Putnam and Thompson.** This outage is required to allow guy wire / ground wire modifications to the existing 347 Line to support the installation of the new 345-kV line.

In addition, during the following CONVEX-approved outage period, CL&P seeks Council staff approval for both work on Sunday and extended work hours, as necessary, beyond the Council's approved 10-hour work day during the period of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM:

3. **May 31 - June 6, 2014, including work on Sunday, June 1: Town of Killingly.** Extended work hours and work on Sunday is required to allow the installation of the new 345-kV line conductors between Lake Road Switching Station and Killingly Substation.

This work is expected to have minimal impacts to neighboring property owners. The Project's Community Relations team will perform outreach to inform neighboring property owners, businesses, and the affected towns about the outage work. This outreach will occur after Council's approval of this extended work hour request, but prior to each outage.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail me or call me at 860-728-4532.

Thank you

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