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April 25, 2014

John Morissette, Project Manager  
Transmission Siting  
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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 in response to your letter dated April 22, 2014, Council staff hereby approves changes to the material laydown/staging area at 87 Boston Post Road in Windham. The Council approved use of the property with conditions including:

- 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 is 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 are also used for this laydown site.

Over the past few months, unauthorized dirt bike and/or ATV vehicles have repeatedly knocked down two portions of the exclusionary silt fence on the north and east boundaries of the yard. Consequently, CL&P's construction contractors have repeatedly fixed the fence.

CL&P proposes to leave small gaps in the exclusionary silt fence to allow the dirt bikes/ATVs to enter the yard without damaging the other portions of the fencing. CL&P asserts that this will be safer for the unauthorized dirt bike/ATV users and will avoid the need to deploy repeated fence repair. CL&P and its contractors will continue to inspect the yard for the presence of snakes during the snakes' active period.

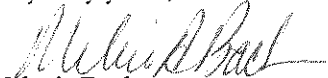
This approval applies only to the proposed change provided in your letter dated April 22, 2014. Any additional changes to the D&M Plan require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's approval of the D&M Plan on October 31, 2013. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Please be advised that 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

MB/CMW

c: Parties and Intervenors  
The Honorable Ernest Eldridge, Mayor, Town of Windham  
Neel Beets, Town Manager, Town of Windham