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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, and in response to your email of October 3, 2014, Council staff hereby approves the change to the access road to Structure No. 209 from Barrett Hill Road in Brooklyn. The modified access road will extend approximately 200 feet and replace a 375-foot section of the access road previously approved. The purpose of the proposed modification is to straighten the access road to facilitate access by construction equipment but will also avoid a Native American and historic archaeological site that would have been crossed by the previously-approved access road.

This approval applies only to the modification to the access road to Structure No. 209 requested in your October 3, 2014 email. 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 Rick Ives, First Selectman, Town of Brooklyn
Jana Butts Roberson, AICP, Land Use Administrator, Town of Brooklyn

Walsh, Christina

From: john.morissette@nu.com
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 7:58 AM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council
Cc: Bachman, Melanie; Walsh, Christina
Subject: Docket 424 - Interstate Reliability Project - D&M Plan Change Request
Attachments: DandMmapsheet40_MJG-Rev2.pdf

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) and Section 7.2 of the *Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Construction of the Interstate Reliability Project (Project, Interstate) New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) submits the above-referenced proposed D&M Plan change to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for review and approval.

Specifically, CL&P proposes to reconfigure the on-ROW portion of an approved off-ROW access road from Barrett Hill Road to Structure 209 in the Town of Brooklyn. The modified access road section will extend for approximately 200 feet, replacing approximately 375 feet of the previously approved access road. The access road is shown on the D&M Plan, Volume 3, Mapsheet 40 (refer to the attached drawing depicting the proposed access road modification). Both the approved access road and the reconfigured access road are located on Line List #30340 (Rosenberg).

The purpose of the proposed access road modification is to straighten the on-ROW portion of the road to facilitate construction equipment access to the work pad for Structure 209. However, this modification also will have the added benefit of avoiding a significant Native American and historic archaeological site, which would have to be traversed by the approved on-ROW access road. If the originally approved access road is used in this area, CL&P's Historic Resources Management Plan requires the implementation of measures to protect the site (e.g., fencing, permanent protective fill). The use of the modified access road will avoid the potential for impacts to the archaeological site and thus no special protective measures will be required.

The use of the modified access road configuration will not require additional vegetation clearing. The landowner has approved the access road modification and has verbally approved the access road as permanent.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or telephone at 860-726-4532.

Regards
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