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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 November 10, 2014, Council staff hereby approves a temporary change to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan to allow construction activities associated with the above project to occur on Sunday, November 16 and Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. along portions of CL&P's right-of-way in Coventry and Mansfield from Structures 28 through 42 to perform wire stringing operations. This portion of the right-of-way crosses the New England Central Railroad and requires a railroad company flagman for the work. The Sunday work hours are necessary to accommodate the limited availability of the railroad company flagman.

This approval applies only to the Sunday, November 16 and November 23, 2014 work hours proposed in your email request on November 10, 2014. Any additional changes to the D&M Plans 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 Intervenor

The Honorable Jeffrey A. Shorts, Council Chairman, Town of Coventry
John Elsesser, Town Manager, Town of Coventry
Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Coventry
The Honorable Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor, Town of Mansfield
Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, Town of Mansfield
Linda M. Painter, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Mansfield



Walsh, Christina

From: john.morissette@nu.com
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 8:56 AM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council
Cc: Bachman, Melanie; Walsh, Christina
Subject: Docket 424 - Extended Work Hours Request

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) and Sections 4 and 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 Line*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) review and approve extra work hours on two Sundays in November in order to allow CL&P's construction contractor to maintain the Project schedule for transmission line conductor stringing operations.

Specifically, CL&P's contractor, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. (PAR), proposes to work 12-hour days (7 AM to 7 PM) on both November 16 and November 23 in order to perform wire stringing operations along the new 3271 Line in portions of the towns of Coventry and Mansfield (Structures 28 through 42). PAR requests these extended work hours to accommodate the limited availability of railroad company flagmen, who are required to oversee wire stringing operations at the transmission line crossing of the New England Central Railroad (NECRR), which is located east of and adjacent to the Willimantic River in the Town of Mansfield (refer to the D&M Plan, Volume 3, Mapsheet 7; the transmission line extends over the railroad between Structures 34 and 36).

For the conductor stringing operations, NECRR has committed to provide a flagman for a two-week period, which is expected to commence on or about November 14-15. The exact schedule will depend on when the flagman completes other assignments elsewhere on the NECRR system.

Once the flagman is on-site, PAR intends to complete all required work near the railroad crossing in the subsequent two-week period. If this work cannot be completed in this time frame, NECRR representatives have indicated that another flagmen will not be available to oversee Interstate activities at the railroad crossing until early 2015 due to the commitments on other ongoing NECRR projects.

CL&P will inform the respective towns regarding the planned Sunday work hours. In addition, CL&P also will inform affected nearby abutters in advance of the Sunday work.

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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