

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SITING COUNCIL

The Connecticut Light and Power Company and : Docket 272
The United Illuminating Company Application for a :
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and :
Public Need for the Construction of a New 345-kV :
Electric Transmission Line and Associated Facilities :
Between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown :
And Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut :
Including the Reconstruction of Portions of Existing :
115-kV and 345-kV Electric Transmission Lines, the :
Construction of the Beseck Switching Station in :
Wallingford, East Devon Substation in Milford, and Singer :
Substation in Bridgeport, Modifications at Scovill Rock :
Switching Station and Norwalk Substation and the :
Reconfiguration of Certain Interconnections : April 7, 2004

Department of Transportation's Motion for Extension of Time to Prefile Evidence related
to Alternative Routing

The Department of Transportation ("Department") respectfully requests the Connecticut Siting Council ("Siting Council") to extend the time until April 16, 2004, in which to prefile its evidence regarding alternative routing currently scheduled for hearing on April 22, 2004. In support of this motion, the Department represents the following:

1. At the hearing on March 25, 2004 the Siting Council requested the Department to provide witnesses for the hearing on alternative routing to be held on April 22, 2004. The Department agreed to supply the requested witnesses.
2. On or about March 31, 2004, the staff for the Siting Council requested the parties to prefile testimony by April 8, 2004 for any witnesses who will be testifying at the April 20-22, 2004 sessions.

3. Subsequent to the March 25, 2004 hearing, a major traffic incident occurred on March 27, 2004 on I-95 in Bridgeport in which the Howard Avenue Bridge was extensively damaged. This incident closed a portion of I-95 for a period of time and created an emergency for the Department. As a result the Department employees who were expected to present evidence were working almost 24 hours a day attempting to reopen the southbound lanes of I-95 in Bridgeport.

4. Upon completion of the construction work to reopen I-95 southbound, employees involved in the reconstruction took needed time off of work to attend to personal matters.

5. The Department does not wish to impede the proceedings in this docket and is making a good faith effort to comply with the Siting Council's request to provide testimony on the alternative routing for the proposed transmission line.

6. Nonetheless, based upon the unforeseen circumstances described above, the Department requests additional time in which to prefile its evidence with respect to the April 22, 2004 hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that it be allowed to prefile its evidence regarding Alternative Routing by the close of business on April 16, 2004.


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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed, postage prepaid, this 7th day of April, 2004, to all known parties and intervenors (see attached service list).



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