

April 15, 2004

Ms. Pamela B. Katz
Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 272 - Middletown-Norwalk 345kV Transmission Line

Dear Ms. Katz:

This letter provides the response to requests for the information listed below.

Response to CSC-02 Interrogatories dated 03/31/2004
CSC - 036 , 037 , 051

Very truly yours,

Anne B. Bartosewicz
Project Director - Transmission Business

ABB/tms
cc: Service List

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Witness: Jeffery O. Borne
Request from: Connecticut Siting Council

Question:

Would erosion and sediment controls be removed from construction areas within 30 days of final site stabilization as recommended in "Best Development Practices: Conserving Pool-Breeding amphibians in residential and commercial developments in the northeastern United States" (Council Administrative Notice, item 21)?

Response:

Yes, the Companies would remove erosion and sediment controls from construction sites within 30 days of final site stabilization.

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Question:

What measures would be taken to protect the two vernal pools which have been identified along the proposed construction site? Identify the map segment numbers where these vernal pools are located.

Response:

The location of the two vernal pools is described in Volume 11 of the Application, Map Segment 14 (Wetland # 26) and Map Segment 56 (Wetland #66).

Protection measures for Wetland #26, which is located in a vegetated "gully" on the right-of-way, are not needed as there will be no construction activity in the immediate vicinity of this wetland. This wetland is located in a section of the right-of-way where access and construction are not proposed.

Wetland #66 will be protected by placing a geotextile fabric fence between the access road and the resource area. The fence will serve as a visual barrier for construction equipment operators utilizing the nearby access road to assure that vehicular equipment does not inadvertently travel off the roadway and encroach upon the wetland area. Further, these environmentally sensitive areas will be designated in the D&M Plan and CL&P construction representatives will emphasize their sensitivity at construction meetings when constructing in the vicinity of Wetland #66.

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Witness: Jeffery O. Borne
Request from: Connecticut Siting Council

Question:

Has the applicant responded to the concerns of the Westport Historic District Commission regarding the potential effect of the project on those buildings placed on the National Register of Historic Places, including blasting concerns, damage to old growth trees, and the location of any above-ground facilities? Has the applicant responded to the six questions posed by the Westport Historic District Commission? If so, please provide. If not, respond to questions with copy to Westport Historic District Commission.

Response:

The Companies addressed concerns of the Westport Historic District Commission (WHDC) by providing verbal responses at a June 19, 2003 meeting of the Westport Planning and Zoning Commission. Other issues, not of a historic nature (including a traffic concern at the intersection of Kings Highway and Route 1), were also raised at this meeting. As a result of the combination of concerns raised by WHDC, other Westport residents and municipal administrators, the Companies studied other routing alternatives and subsequently eliminated from further consideration the route through the historic district (which included construction on Myrtle Avenue). The change in routing in this area is identified as the "supported change" in the CSC Application. Because of this route change, consideration of the six questions were no longer needed and the Companies did not respond further.

Correspondence dated March 31, 2004, to Ms. Katz from Mr. Ira Bloom of Wake, See, Dimes & Bryniczka, on behalf of the town of Westport, includes documents from the Representative Town Meeting, the Conservation Department and the Planning & Zoning Department supporting the proposed underground route through Westport identified in Docket 272.