

Docket No. 272 – Development and Management Plan Inspection

The Connecticut Light and Power Company 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 reconstruction of portions of existing 115-kV and 345-kV electric transmission line, the construction of 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.

Segment 1a Inspection

Date: October 6, 2008

Inspector: Matthew Creighton

Location: Segment 1a – Scovill Rock Switching Station to Chestnut Junction, Oxbow Junction to Beseck Switching Station (excluding Royal Oak Bypass), and Black Pond Junction to Beseck Switching Station

Rainfall: 0.86” of precipitation was recorded in the week prior to inspection with 0.56” falling on 10/1 (NOAA data at Meriden, CT).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access roads and adjacent roadways Scovill SS west to Chestnut Junction Scovill SS to Rte. 9 Rte. 9 to East Mount Rd.	Restoration is almost complete. 10/6/08	Monitor restored areas for stabilization. Add controls as needed. 10/6/08	Not Applicable (NA)
	Water bars/drainage ditches remain on permanent access roads. Haybales remain adjacent to wetlands in-between structures 24617 & 24618 and upgradient of wetland #4 to prevent run off from Scovill to Rte 9. 10/6/08	Sweep Freeman Road and Rte 9 as needed. Monitor wetlands around the site for run-off. Monitor haybales for effectiveness. 10/6/08	NA
	Small gullies/washouts were noted along the slope of the access road off Rte 9. 9/29-10/6/08	Stabilize road when crews access the area to re-seed and stabilize exposed pads in the area. 9/29-10/6/08	Needs evaluation/stabilization.
	One timber mat remains at the 1 st saturated crossing off E. Mount Rd. and the major crossing off Rte 9. 10/6/08	Monitor the area until stable. Remove mats if access is complete. 10/6/08	NA
Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Durham Rd	The stone access road in the large wetland system was removed (noted 8/11). The road was	Monitor this area closely until it is stable. It will be difficult to stabilize the flooded area with	Exposed soils are regularly flooded.

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<p>Black Pond Junction to Beseck SS ROW, North of Beseck SS to Black Pond Jct.</p>	<p>reduced to grade and the water around the access road is clear. Water regularly floods and recedes over exposed soils. 10/6/08</p> <p>Final grading and restoration complete from Beseck SS to Black Pond Jct. Water bars and controls remain in place to divert and filter turbid run-off from the wetlands. 10/6/08</p>	<p>traditional measures such as mulch or seed. Adjacent areas are vegetated. See inland wetland section. 10/6/08</p> <p>This area is stable. 10/6/08</p>	<p>Area is stable and no longer required inspection.</p>
<p>Foundation and site construction</p>	<p>No work was noted this week. 10/6/08</p>	<p>NA 10/6/08</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Erosion and sediment controls Scovill SS west to Chestnut Junction</p> <p>Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Oxbow Jct. to Durham Rd.</p> <p>Contractor Receiving Yard and Storage Area</p> <p>Durham Rd.</p> <p>Beseck SS to Black</p>	<p>Some small eroded gullies were noted in the access road off Rte 9. 9/29-10/6/08</p> <p>Restoration complete; however, some areas still appear sparsely vegetated. This is likely due to the hot weather inhibiting vegetative growth or seed being washed away. 10/6/08</p> <p>Only Durham Meadows remains exposed as it was recently reclaimed. 10/6/08</p> <p>Two remaining stockpiles were hayed and seeded and are almost fully vegetated. One stockpile is the property of the landowner. The second stockpile will be evaluated. 10/6/08</p> <p>The access road and pads in this area remain at grade, allowing sheet flow over the road. Access road is flooded. 10/6/08</p> <p>Vegetation at Black Pond</p>	<p>Maintain the road and stabilize. Consider water bars if necessary. 9/29-10/6/08</p> <p>Continue to monitor and add controls as needed. Monitor newly restored areas for vegetative cover and stabilization. Keep in mind the remaining growing season 10/6/08</p> <p>See Inland wetland and access road sections. 10/6/08</p> <p>Although controls remain at the base and vegetative cover is present, the stockpile located upgradient from the wetlands should be moved 6/23-10/6/08</p> <p>Controls should be checked, added, and monitored until the exposed areas are stable. 10/6/08</p> <p>Most sparse or bare areas</p>	<p>Needs evaluation</p> <p>Additional seed may be needed in some locations during appropriate conditions.</p> <p>NA at this time.</p> <p>Stockpile upgradient from the wetland needs attention.</p> <p>Needs careful monitoring</p> <p>Black Pond Jct. is</p>

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Pond Junction ROW, North of Beseck SS to Black Pond Jct.	Jct is also approaching 70%. 10/6/08	are relatively small and will not pose an issue 10/6/08	approaching 70% cover.
<p>Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation</p> <p>Scovill SS west to Chestnut Junction</p> <p>Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Durham Rd.</p>	<p>ACOE permit is in hand.</p> <p>In accordance with the D&M Plan, all work occurring in and around wetlands should be expedited to minimize potential adverse impacts to wetlands and reduce disturbances to wetland soils. The majority of areas in this segment have been reclaimed and no longer need inspection. 10/6/08</p> <p>Timber mats remain at the entrance at E. Mount and at the major crossing off Rte 9. 10/6/08</p> <p>The contractor has reduced the grade and width of the access road allowing water to sheet flow across. Standing water was present across the road. Adjacent areas have vegetative cover. 10/6/08</p>	<p>Perform work in wetlands under the permitted guidelines. 10/6/08</p> <p>Any additional work needed in and around wetlands should be expedited. 10/6/08</p> <p>Remove remaining mats unless additional access is needed 10/6/08</p> <p>Stabilize soils in exposed areas to the extent feasible to minimize impacts to surrounding wetlands. It will be difficult to stabilize the area with traditional measures due to the flooding. 10/6/08</p>	<p>NA</p> <p><i>Restoration is complete and many areas no longer need inspection.</i></p> <p>Timber mats should be removed when feasible.</p> <p>Some of the soils remain inundated while adjacent areas were vegetated.</p>
<p>State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.</p> <p>Multiple ROW areas including Scovill SS; Haddam Quarter Rd. To Foot Hills Rd.; Johnson Lane; Powder Hill Rd.; Contractor Storage Yard Pond; East of Beseck SS</p>	<p>Potential habitat for wood turtles exists at Ball Brook in this section. Contractors have avoided crossing this area. The pad and slope upgradient from the stream are reclaimed. 10/6/08</p> <p>A variety of wildlife has been noted in and adjacent to the majority of wetlands in the ROW at access and work areas. These are not state listed species, but indicate good habitat. 10/6/08</p>	<p>November 1st is the end of the wood turtles active season; sweeps won't be necessary after that time. 10/6/08</p> <p>Continue to be very mindful of controlling sediment and reducing access near wetlands used for amphibian breeding. Also monitor controls for effectiveness and be mindful that the controls</p>	<p>No further access should be necessary as the area is stable.</p> <p>Continue to monitor</p>

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East Mount Rd.	An Eastern Box Turtle was observed crossing the ROW and access road off E. Mount Rd. on 7/12/07	can block foraging/migrating wildlife 10/6/08 Work in this area is complete however the area does not have full vegetative cover yet. Perform a sweep of this area prior any additional work or access. 10/6/08	Sweeps need to occur prior to any additional access.
Vegetative clearing or stabilization ROW west of Scovill Rock SS to Chestnut Junction; Oxbow Jct. to Durham Rd; Durham Rd (Golf course); to Beseck SS; ROW North of Beseck SS to Black Pond	These areas have been final graded, hayed, and seeded. Most are fully stable with 70%+ cover. 10/6/08 Some reclaimed pad sites remain sparse, likely due previous hot weather, inhibiting vegetative growth and rain washing away seed. This is most common in the Scovill Rock to E. Mount section. 10/6/08	Grass seed germination has slowed due to hot, dry weather. Remove any remaining silt fence after an area has stabilized. 10/6/08 Continue to monitor and consider re-seeding some of these areas. Keep in mind the upcoming end of the growing season and favorable weather conditions. 10/6/08	Vegetative cover is established in many areas and many portions of the ROW are well restored with no further inspection required. Continue to monitor and reseed as needed.
Dewatering	Dewatering is complete at this time. 10/6/08	Continue to restore areas as needed. 10/6/08	NA at this time.
Blasting	No blasting is proposed. 10/6/08	None 10/6/08	NA
Spills, soils and material storage All active areas Oxbow Junction to Beseck SS Contractor Receiving Yard and Staging Area	Spill controls move from site to site with the equipment. 10/6/08 One stockpile remains upgradient of wetlands with a filter sock at the base and covered with vegetation. 10/6/08	Always use spill control materials when working on equipment and during refueling. Park equipment 100 feet from wetlands when feasible 10/6/08 Relocate stockpile away from wetlands. See erosion control section. 10/6/08	NA Stockpile upgradient of wetlands needs attention. <i>BSC was informed the contractor would be evaluating this.</i>

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Additional Observations	A pile of asphalt that is not related to project was observed at the access road within Durham Meadows. 10/6/08	If feasible, remove the material and attempt to restrict access to unauthorized vehicles. 10/6/08	

Next likely scheduled inspection:

Week of October 20, 2008 (inspections will shift to monthly)

I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statements made in this document or its attachments may be punishable as a criminal offense in accordance with Section 22a-6 under Section 53a-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Route 9 towards Oxbow/Chestnut: Some small rills and washouts were noted along the slope of the access road.



Route 9 towards Oxbow/Chestnut: Several areas of exposed soils need additional seed. Access road upgradient to this slope has several washouts/gullies.



Durham Rd: Area adjacent to the flooded portion of the wetland has vegetative cover. A small pile of asphalt that was not related to the project was noted at the end of the access road. If feasible, remove the material and prevent unauthorized access.



E. Meriden SS: A previously sparse has filled in with vegetation/mulch and is stable.