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TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 327** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed substation located off Commerce Park Drive, Oxford, Connecticut.

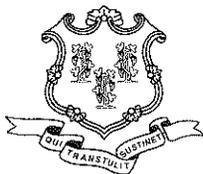
The Connecticut Siting Council will use following procedure for the public hearing scheduled on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

1. Before May 10, 2007, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to exchange and respond to pre-hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with all other parties and intervenors. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing.
2. The 3:30 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to present exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by all parties and intervenors in the order that they were made parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to present their exhibits and witness panels in the order in which they were made parties and intervenors, and be subject to cross-examination by the applicant and all other parties and intervenors. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Arguments will be entertained in writing after the close of the last hearing session.
3. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be first reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record.
4. If time remains, the 7:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to complete their presentation and cross-examination.
5. The Council requests that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by May 10, 2007. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

6. The Council will provide an opportunity for public officials to make a statement.
7. No repetition of facts will be allowed.
8. A verbatim transcript of the hearing sessions will be made and deposited with the Oxford Town Hall for the convenience of the public.
9. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of facts within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
10. Members of the public will be allowed to submit public statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
11. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and public statements should be considered final and extensions will not be automatically granted.
12. The Council may, at its discretion, provide for the grouping of parties and intervenors with the same interests.
13. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
14. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to file a written petition with the Council on or before May 10, 2007.
15. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.
16. Enclosed is a list of items the Council wishes to notice administratively. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the hearing.
17. A public field review of the proposed site will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, beginning at 2:30 p.m.
18. At least ten business days prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall erect and maintain, in a legible condition, a sign not less than six feet by four feet at the entrance to the property from a public road where the proposed facility is to be located. The sign shall set forth the name of the applicant, the type of facility, the public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (Web site and phone number).
19. All participants are requested to place nameplates on the table in front of each witness at the hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Enclosure: Administrative Notice List
Hearing Notice



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, beginning at 3:30 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Oxford Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application The Connecticut Light and Power Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a proposed electrical substation and associated facilities located off Commerce Park Drive, Oxford, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of an electrical substation and associated facilities. The 3:30 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Tuesday, April, 24, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by May 10, 2007. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before May 10, 2007.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Oxford Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by April 25, 2007.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

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(CL&P)

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A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no .327.

April 17, 2007

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Administrative Notice List

Docket No. 327

1. EMF, Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power. Questions and Answers. NIEHS 2002.
2. Connecticut 1998 Report on Task Force Activities To Evaluate Health Effects From Electric And Magnetic Fields, The Interagency Task Force Studying Electric And Magnetic Fields, January 1998.
3. Electric and Magnetic Field Best Management Practices, Connecticut Siting Council, February 11, 1993. Website Link: <http://www.ct.gov/csc/cwp/view.asp?a=895&q=246816>
4. Current Status of Scientific Research, Consensus, and Regulation Regarding Potential Health Effects of Power-line Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF), January 2006.
5. IEEE Standard Procedures for Measurement of Power Frequency Electric and Magnetic Fields From AC Power Lines, IEEE Std 644-1994, December 13, 1994.
6. IEEE Guide for the Design, Construction, and Operation of Electric Power Substations for Community Acceptance and Environmental Compatibility, IEEE Std 1127-1998 (R2004) (Revision of IEEE Std 1127-1990).
7. NIEHS Report to Congress on Health Effects from Exposure to Power-Line Frequency Electric and Magnetic Fields, NIEHS, 1999.
8. EMF, Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power, Questions and Answers, NIEHS, 2002.
9. Review of Scientific Evidence for Limiting Exposure to EMF, National Radiation Protection Board, 2004.
10. Research on Power-Frequency Fields Completed Under the Energy Policy Act of 1992. National Research Council, 1999.
11. National Electrical Safety Code, C2-2007, August 1, 2006.
12. Review of the Ten Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources, Connecticut Siting Council, November 14, 2006. Website Link: <http://www.ct.gov/csc/cwp/view.asp?a=895&q=246816>
13. The Connecticut Light and Power Company 2006 Forecast of Loads and Resources for 2007-2016, CL&P, March 1, 2007.
14. The United Illuminating Company's Load Forecast and Transmission Plan, UI, March 15, 2006.
15. Energy Plan for Connecticut Prepared by the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, February 6, 2007. Link: <http://www.ctenergy.org/>



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16. Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, May 2002, as amended.
17. Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 1998-2003, adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly, 1998.
18. Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 2005-2010, adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly, 2006. Website Link: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/cdplan/cdplan2.htm>
19. PETITION No. 237 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition that Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50z does not apply to electric substations.
20. An Assessment and Report of Distributed Generation Opportunities in Southwest Connecticut, Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University with assistance from XENERGY, January 14, 2003.
21. Distributed Generation Market Potential: 2004 Update/Connecticut and Southwest Connecticut, Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University with assistance from XENERGY, March 15, 2004.
22. ISO-New England Blackout 2003: Performance of the New England and Maritimes Power Systems During the August 2003 Blackout, ISO-NE, February 2004.
23. ISO-New England Southwestern Connecticut Reliability Study, A Comparative Analysis of the 345-kV Plumtree-Norwalk Overhead Line Versus Two 115-kV Cables from Plumtree-Norwalk, ISO-New England.
24. Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, Docket No. 03-11-01, DPUC Review of CL&P and UI Conservation and Load Management Plan for Year 2004, DPUC, February 4, 2004.
25. Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, decision dated August 8, 2001, Docket No. 00-09-04, Joint Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company for the Sale of Land – City of Stamford, DPUC, August 8, 2001.
26. Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, Docket No. 02-14-12, DPUC Investigation into Possible Shortages of Electricity in Southwest Connecticut During Summer Periods of Peak Demand, DPUC.
27. Working Group on SWCT, Comprehensive Assessment and Report, Part I, prepared pursuant to Public Act No. 02-05 and Executive Order No. 26.
28. Energy Efficiency: Investing in Connecticut's Future, Report of the Energy Conservation Management Board, Year 2003 Programs and Operations, ECMB, January 21, 2004.
29. NEPOOL Planning Procedure No. 4.
30. Electricity Costs White Paper, ISO-New England, June 1, 2006. Website Link: <http://www.iso-ne.com/pubs/whtpprs/index.html>
31. The Connecticut Energy Advisory Board's Assessment of Connecticut Light and Power's Proposed Substation in Oxford, CT, prepared by La Capra Associates, April 5, 2007.