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RE: CL&P SUBSTATION, 325 WATERFORD PARKWAY NORTH

Dear Mr. Chairman and Siting Council Members:

At a meeting of the Waterford Board of Selectmen held on June 3, 2008 representatives of CL&P described to the members of the board and residents of the area the proposal to install a new substation at the above referenced address. The information provided in the municipal consultation document supports the need for this new facility as a result of growth in Waterford and the surrounding towns.

Located in a residential area on the edge of Waterford's business triangle and in close proximity to I-95 and its interchange with I-395, this site appears to be the logical choice of all the sites considered in the site selection process. As a result of meetings with local land use commissions, issues regarding wetlands protection, intersection site lines, and buffering the visual impact of the substation were reviewed. In addition, the public raised similar concerns, questioning the level and intensity of lighting as well as the necessity for the substation to be located at the selected site. The size and height of the proposed substation will have a visual impact that will be difficult to fully screen especially from the interstate. It is my desire that as much screening as possible be provided so that the visual impact of the facility as viewed from adjacent residential properties and Oil Mill Road is minimized.

As CL&P moves forward with the filing of its application with the Connecticut Siting Council for this facility, the Town of Waterford will continue to participate in the review of this project and will advise the council of the application's consistency with local recommendations. I look forward to attending the public hearing to be held and appreciate the opportunity provided to participate in the siting of this facility under your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Steward  
First Selectman

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