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April 12, 2012

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 370A_MR** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revision.

Dear Mr. Carberry:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council held on April 12, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the Revisions to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Manchester to Meekville Junction Project (MMP) submitted for this project on April 2, 2012, to include an Implosion Plan in its "Blasting Procedures."

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan Revisions submitted on April 2, 2012. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated April 12, 2012.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/CMW/laf

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated April 12, 2012

c: Parties and Intervenors



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Docket No. 370A_MR
The Connecticut Light and Power Company
Manchester to Meekville Junction Project
Development and Management Plan
Implosion Plan
April 12, 2012

On January 24, 2011, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Manchester to Meekville Junction Project (MMP) in Manchester. The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) proposes an amendment to its "Blasting Procedures" section of the D&M Plan to include an Implosion Plan. On April 4, 2012, CL&P submitted an Implosion Plan for the MMP.

CL&P would use implosive connectors to splice and dead-end transmission line conductors. The use of implosive connectors would result in a smoother, stronger, more electrically efficient and longer lasting connection on the conductors when compared to standard compression connectors.

The implosion would create a loud sound, similar to a commercial firework or clap of thunder. Most of the land use near the MMP area is industrial and commercial with some residential housing. CL&P would notify nearby residents and businesses of the proposed implosion and the expected associated noise.

CL&P would work with a licensed contractor with a permit from the Commissioner of Public Safety to obtain permits from the Town of Manchester for the use of implosive connectors. CL&P has the appropriate federal permit to store and transport the implosive materials.

The proposed implosions would occur Monday through Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. There would typically be three to four implosions per day.

The proposed implosions would occur from early May 2012 through early June 2012 and in September 2012. Though subject to change, the tentative implosion schedule is:

May 4 and May 7

- Between Tolland Turnpike and Burnham Street Extension (Structure Nos. 3718, 3719, 3720)
- Tolland Turnpike (Structure Nos. 3716, 3717)

May 14 through May 19

- Tolland Turnpike (Structure No. 3716)
- Near I-84 (Structure Nos. 3713, 3714)
- Middle Turnpike West (Structure Nos. 3709, 3711)
- Middle Turnpike West (Structure No. 3708)

May 21 through June 2

- Middle Turnpike West (Structure No. 3708)
- Olcott Street (Structure No. 3703)
- Olcott Street near Manchester Substation (Structure Nos. 3701, 3702)

September 17 through 28

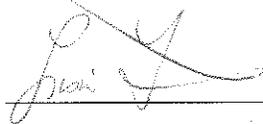
- Chapel Road (Structure Nos. 3722, 20027)
- Olcott Street (Structure No. 3701)
- Manchester Substation off Olcott Street (two line terminals)

CL&P has discussed the potential for use of implosive connectors with Town of Manchester officials. CL&P representatives would continue to consult with the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee to allow for notice to members of the public using the trails.

NOTICE OF SERVICE

I hereby affirm that a photocopy of this document was sent to each Party and Intervenor on the service list dated January 13, 2012, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via e-mail or U.S. mail on April 16, 2012.

Dated: April 16, 2012



Lisa Fontaine
Custodian of Docket No. 370