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Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
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RE: Docket No. 424: Interstate Reliability Project
*D&M Plan Change Notice Request:
Proposed Contractor Staging Area / Material Storage Yard (PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc.,
4 Nora Lane, Town of Pomfret*

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), Condition 3(n) of the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council's) Decision and Order in Docket No. 424, and Section 7.2 of the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the *Construction of the Interstate Reliability Project (Project) New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) submits the above-referenced proposed Contractor staging area / yard to the Council for review and approval.

To support structure installation and related construction activities for the Project, CL&P's prime contractor, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. (PAR), proposes to use as a staging area / material support yard a previously-disturbed, upland site, located at 4 Nora Lane in the Town of Pomfret. This site would supplement the PAR staging areas / yards approved previously by the Council, and would specifically be used to stage materials and equipment that will be required for the installation of the facilities along the eastern portion of the Project rights-of-way.

Description of the Proposed Yard Site

The proposed staging area / yard is located approximately 0.3 mile west of the Project transmission line right-of-way and is situated on an approximately 5.3-acre portion of a larger property owned by Paquette Enterprises, LLC. The upland site, which was previously disturbed by grading and soil excavation (including topsoil removal), is characterized by shrub and herbaceous vegetation. The yard site is bordered by uplands and is accessible via an existing asphalt road (Nora Lane), which connects to State Route 101 (Killingly Road). A building used by the Paquette Electric Co., Inc. and self-storage buildings, which are located on the northern portion of the property (near Killingly Road), will not be affected by the use of the yard.

The southern boundary of the proposed yard site abuts an undeveloped wooded area designated by the Town of Pomfret as open space. The Wyndham Land Trust (Lyon Preserve) is located north of the property, north of Killingly Road. White Brook and Mashamoquet Brook, which flow north into the Quinebaug River, are located west and north of the proposed yard site, respectively.

Exhibit Pomfret-1 illustrates the site location, access from State Route 101 (Killingly Road), and existing land uses on and near the site.



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The proposed yard site does not encompass any water resources; is not located within a floodplain; and is not directly proximate to any residential uses. The nearest residential uses are located along Searles Road and Killingly Road (refer to Exhibit Pomfret-1).

A review of Project-specific data from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB), obtained through a data-sharing agreement with CT DEEP, revealed that there are no listed species in the vicinity of the proposed yard.

Proposed Yard Uses

The staging area / yard site will include construction trailers and portable bathroom facilities, and will be used for the following types of construction support activities:

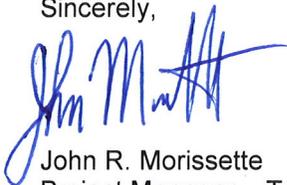
- Storing construction materials, equipment, tools, and supplies
- Parking construction vehicles, equipment, as well as the personal vehicles of construction personnel
- Minor maintenance of construction equipment
- Storing and assembling transmission line structure components
- Temporary storage of materials prior to appropriate disposition from the Project.

Some site preparation work (e.g., grading and graveling) will be required to create a level base for Project construction support activities. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained at the site, as necessary, to minimize the potential for off-site erosion. Such controls will conform to the Best Management Practices presented in the approved D&M Plan.

CL&P is providing notice of this proposed D&M Plan change to the affected property owner and the Town of Pomfret chief elected officials. Enclosed please find an original and 15 copies of this submission.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at john.morissette@nu.com or telephone at (860) 728-4532.

Sincerely,



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Encl

cc: Service List
The Honorable Maureen A. Nicholson, First Selectman, Town of Pomfret



Proposed Material Laydown Yard
4 Nora Lane
Pomfret, CT



Source: ES&S and Burns & McDonnell Engineering

Exhibit Pomfret-1



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