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Petition No. 77
Stamford, Connecticut
January 21, 1982

Mr. Doocy, Commissioner Boucher, Christopher Wood, and Duncan Reid met Messrs. Thompson and Hill of NUSCO for a field review of Petition No. 77 which involves changes to structures and the right of way in the vicinity of the Stamford Railroad Station.

This project involves the replacement of two double circuit 115 kV towers, each 88 feet tall, with two double circuit 150 foot steel pole structures. In addition the forty foot wide right of way is to be shifted 20 feet southward requiring the acquisition of a 40 foot wide right of way for a distance of approximately 1040 feet and the relinquishing of an existing forty foot wide right of way for approximately the same distance. Essentially there will be no change in the easement area. However, the new right of way will have 15 foot aerial rights on both sides between the new steel poles.

The change in structures and shift in the right of way location is required to accomodate plans for the proposed Stamford Transportation Center Project. This transportation project involves rebuilding the existing Stamford railroad station onto the northerly few feet of the existing CL&P right of way, building a multi-level parking garage on the south side of the right of way, and building an enclosed aerial pedestrian bridge connecting the station and the garage. According to NUSCO representatives the two new steel poles will be 150 feet tall to provide adequate conductor clearance over the enclosed aerial walk way, and the 15 foot aerial rights on both sides of the right of way will prohibit the attachment to buildings of fixtures which would be in hazardous proximity to the conductors. The shift in the right of way twenty feet to the south is necessary to allow adequate clearance from the proposed railroad station. The existing and proposed easement is on property owned by the State of Connecticut.

The site is a commercial industrial area in Stamford, zoned as a General Industrial District. The existing and proposed easement traverses a paved parking lot just south of the New York to New Haven railroad tracks. The proposed structures may be visible from various locations in Stamford, but they are not inconsistent in appearance with other structures in the area, which include a wide variety of electrical line structures.

The project cost, which will be borne by the city of Stamford, is approximately \$375,000.

The purpose of this petition is two fold. Firstly, NUSCO requests the Council to declare that no certificate is required for the proposed project because it will have no substantial adverse environmental effect. Secondly, the petition contains information required to comply with the requirements of 16-50z(a) and section 16-50z-1 of the Council's Regulations regarding easement acquisition. The information submitted fulfills these requirements.

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