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PETITION NO. 82

April 14, 1982

East Hartford, Connecticut

Mr. Gelston, Dr. Horsfall, and Duncan Reid met Mr. Perotti of NUSCO for a field review of Petition No. 82.

This project involves relocating an existing 115kV double circuit lattice tower and steel pole line approximately seventy five feet south and southwest of its present location to accommodate the widening of interstate 84/86 in East Hartford near Forbes Street and the building of the I-84/I-86 interchange on the Manchester/East Hartford town line north of Spencer Street. The line is to be rebuilt almost entirely within existing electric transmission rights of way or within the right of way acquired for the state highway project. Existing lattice towers and steel poles 78 feet to 101 feet high will be replaced by lattice towers and steel poles 73 feet to 101 feet high. Two 85 foot towers will be replaced with a 130 foot and 135 foot tower to provide adequate clearance over the proposed ground elevation of Route 84.

Clearing for the proposed relocation will remove some or all of an existing tree and shrub buffer behind homes east of Forbes Street and south of the highway up to Veterans Memorial Park on Sunset Ridge. Widening of the highway will bring both the highway and the transmission line closer to these homes. Additional information regarding the impact of clearing on these houses has been requested from NUSCO. According to Mr. Perotti, some form of sound barrier is proposed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation to shield the homes from the highway.

Access roads for the proposed construction already exist. The whole area shows evidence of frequent use by trailbikes and other off-road vehicles.

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