



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

136 Main Street, Suite 401
New Britain, Connecticut 06051
Phone: 827-7682

Petition No. 222
Rocky Hill-Middletown Transmission Line
Structure Removal
November 21, 1988

Northeast Utilities Service Company (NU) is requesting a determination that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility is required for modifications to an existing and inoperative 69-kV transmission line located in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

On November 16, 1988, Daniel P. Lynch and Ralph Reuss from the Council and Thomas E. Fanning, Jr., staff of the Council, met Michael Carlson and Steve Tolley of NU on the site of the project.

The project consists of the removal of four steel lattice structures, conductors, and associated equipment from a transmission line that has been removed from active service for several years.

The four tower's right-of-way (ROW) as well as adjacent lands, will be cleared for commercial development of the site. The developer purchased the land through which NU possessed an easement and has commenced construction of access roads and buildings at the southern end of the proposed project.

NU would retain its easement principally for an existing distribution line running parallel to the structures to be dismantled. This line would remain in place. NU plans to remove the entire unused transmission line sometime in the future.

No new roads would be needed to reach the towers. Access to the towers would be from each end of the ROW thereby avoiding a designated wetlands located near the middle of the ROW. The southern section of this project's right-of-way would need some brush clearing since the area has overgrown with disuse.

The total cost of removing the towers would be borne by the developer, who has requested that the towers be removed as soon as possible.

Petition No. 222
November 21, 1988
Staff Report
Page Two

Construction would commence by the end of November and be completed by the year's end.

NU contends that this project would not result in a substantial adverse effect on the environment or ecology, nor does it damage existing scenic, historic, or recreational values. Accordingly, NU requests that the modification does not have a substantial adverse environmental effect and, therefore, would not require a Certificate pursuant to CGS 16-50k(a).

The environmental effects from this construction would be beyond NU's control following the towers' dismantlements.

Thomas E. Fanning, Jr.
Siting Analyst

2326E