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Petition No. 277  
The Connecticut Light and Power Company  
February 5, 1992  
Supplemental Staff Report

At a public meeting on November 20, 1991, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) ruled that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need would be required for the removal of unused Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) steel lattice structures along sections of an existing CL&P 69kV transmission line in the Towns of Thomaston and Litchfield, Connecticut. This approval was made with the conditions that CL&P submit for the Council Chairman's approval prior to the commencement of site specific clearing, construction, or removal operations, the location of any new accessway(s) necessary to access the intended structure(s).

On January 2, and January 28, 1992, CL&P submitted additional maps and responses to Council staff inquiries regarding specific accessways, swales, brook, and stream crossings not previously detailed in the petition submittals.

On January 31, 1992, Chairman Gelston and Thomas E. Fanning, Jr., staff member of the Council, met CL&P staff members John Cage and Gordon Harman and reviewed several locations of proposed off right-of-way (ROW) accessways along the transmission line ROW. The field review determined that accessways would be developed from existing privately-owned driveways or trails, a logging trail, an existing gravel road, and public roads and trails. CL&P would use an all-purpose terrain vehicle and rubber-tired skid to carry cutting equipment to, and dismantled tower parts from, structure sites along the ROW. CL&P stated these vehicles would be able to cross any stream or brook that can not be avoided by other means. The construction of culverts would probably be avoided because all streams and brooks are firm-bottomed, shallow, and relatively narrow in width. Disruption of stream or brook banks created by vehicle crossings would be minor and temporary.

Pursuant to the authority granted the Chairman by the Council, staff recommends approval by the Chairman of the off ROW accessways.

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