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TO: Council Members

FROM: Joel M. Rinebold, Executive Director

RE: PETITION NO. 359 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed modifications to the East New Britain - Newington - Farmington 115-kV electric transmission line in the Town of Newington, Connecticut.

On August 22, 1996, the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) petitioned the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for a change and relocation of existing 115-kV structure number 8007, to a position approximately 80 feet east of its present location to make room for the expansion of a restaurant parking lot. The existing 55-foot high, guyed pole would be replaced with a new 80-foot high pole, increasing the height above grade from elevation 230 to elevation 234. The increase of four feet is necessary because of the longer span to the west. The new structure will have additional reinforcement, but will not be guyed as is the existing structure.

The surrounding area of this project is commercial with the restaurant located adjacent to the site. The new transmission structure and parking lot would both be in a wetland buffer. The Town inland/wetland agency granted a permit for this action. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Commission also granted approval for the plan.

This change and relocation of this pole structure appear to be minor and not significantly different than what is now already in place. Moreover, this change and relocation is necessary to accommodate expansion of the restaurant parking lot which is being permitted by the Town. Consequently, I recommend granting the petition as proposed.