

DOCKET NO. 11

AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY NORTHEAST  
UTILITIES SERVICE COMPANY, AS AGENT FOR THE :  
HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR A : POWER FACILITY  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY : EVALUATION COUNCIL  
AND PUBLIC NEED WITH RESPECT TO THE :  
CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERHEAD 345 KV ELECTRIC :  
TRANSMISSION LINE AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND :  
RECONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERHEAD 115KV :  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG A ROUTE :  
BETWEEN THE MANCHESTER SUBSTATION, IN :  
MANCHESTER AND THE NORTH BLOOMFIELD SUBSTATION, :  
IN BLOOMFIELD :

JANUARY 23, 1978

DISSENTING OPINION NO. 1

We agree with the concurring opinion for the reasons stated therein.  
However, to faithfully discharge its responsibilities under the Public Utility  
Environmental Standards Act, this council must take an active role in  
critically assessing the need for new facilities. Before approving an  
application the Council should be satisfied, based on its own independent  
evaluation and judgment, that the new facility is needed. The burden is  
on the applicant to convince the Council that the new facility is needed  
not on the Council or the intervenors to prove the contrary.

After reviewing the record, we do not believe that the applicant  
has met this burden, and therefore, we would deny this application.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned members of the Power Facility Evaluation Council who have signed this Dissenting Opinion No. 1 hereby certify that they have heard this case or read the record thereof.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 23rd day of January, 1978.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT     )  
                                  :     ss.                     Hartford, January 23, 1978  
COUNTY OF HARTFORD     )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of the dissenting opinion no. 1 issued by the Power Facility Evaluation Council, State of Connecticut.

ATTEST:

C. Thomas Foley, Executive Director  
Power Facility Evaluation Council