



July 8, 2008

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT060501

RE: DOCKET 364, CL&P PROPOSED SUBSTATION AT 325 WATERFORD PARKWAY
NORTH.

Dear Sir:

On June 26, 2008 the Waterford Conservation Commission approved the attached memorandum from Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner regarding the consistency of the application referenced above with the submission made during the municipal filing. The requested considerations are in keeping with the original review by this Commission as well as the Planning and Zoning Commission. These modifications and request for more complete details have been discussed with the applicant's agent.

Please consider these comments in your deliberations. Since the time frame for local review for substations is only 30 days the Planning and Zoning Commission will not be issuing an order to regulate and restrict. The comments and action taken during the municipal consultation are still valid with limiting site lighting, screening of the facility and provision of an adequate site line at the intersection of Oil Mill Road and Waterford Parkway North being the primary concerns.

Furthermore, neither of the Commissions will be a party to the proceedings, but will monitor the project as it moves through the Siting Council process. Finally, can the funds set aside under 16-50(bb) be used to provide third party inspection and certification during construction that the facility is built in accordance with the plans as approved by the Siting Council? Thank you for your consideration and please call me if you have any questions at 860-440-0505.

Sincerely

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Planning Director

Cc: Planning and Zoning Commission
Conservation Commission
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**TOWN OF WATERFORD, CT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Date: June 24, 2008

To: Waterford Conservation Commission

From: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner

RE: CL&P Proposed Waterford Substation: 325 Parkway North
Review of CT Siting Council Application Documents

Commissioners:

The application to the Connecticut Siting Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, dated June 2008, was reviewed for consistency with plan review comments forwarded by the Conservation Commission dated February 14, 2008. In response to the February 14, 2008 comments:

- the limits of disturbance have been reduced in the vicinity of the inland wetland boundary
- the plan includes a limit of clearing line
- the infiltration swale proposed along the western edge of the substation has been eliminated. Stormwater run-off is proposed to be controlled by sheet-flow and infiltration into surrounding permeable soils.

The preliminary site plans included in the application materials require additional notation and clarification to incorporate the erosion and sediment control components described in the application document. The following measures should be included in the final Design & Maintenance plan:

1. Identification of the perimeter erosion control measures to be installed along the construction site perimeter. The plan must identify the type and location of these measures. Symbols should be identified in a legend on the plan.
2. The Erosion and Sediment Control narrative must include the permanent treatment and stabilization method for all exposed soils areas.
3. The landscaping plan should identify areas to receive loam, seeding and mulch application.
4. Volume I of the application document states that the control enclosure will be serviced by an on-site well and septic system. No information on the location, design, soil suitability and purpose/use of these facilities has been presented in the application. Protection of the water quality of adjacent wetlands and Oil Mill Brook are of concern in the location and design of these facilities. Clarification on this matter has been requested from Northeast Utilities and VHB.

cc: Tom Wagner, Planning Director