



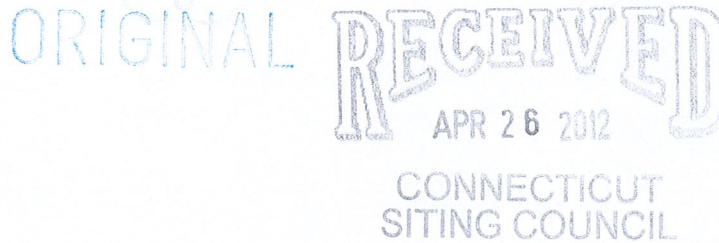
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April 24, 2012



Robert Stein, Chairman  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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**Re: Docket 370  
Greater Springfield Reliability Project  
Development and Management Plan for New Transmission Line  
Vegetation Clearing on Right-of-Way in East Granby, CT**

Dear Chairman Stein:

The Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") approved the Connecticut Light and Power Company's ("CL&P") Development and Management ("D&M") Plan for the Greater Springfield Reliability Project (GSRP), North Bloomfield to Connecticut/Massachusetts State Border 345-kV Overhead Transmission Line, on October 21, 2010. Revisions to the D&M Plan were approved by the Council on March 1, 2012. Additional minor changes were incorporated within the D&M Plan and submitted with the March 2012 monthly report. Any deviations to the D&M Plan require Council notification and/or approval.

This letter serves to provide formal notification to the Council of a deviation from the approved D&M Plan which involved the removal of trees and other woody understory vegetation from an upland area within CL&P's right-of-way (ROW) but beyond the limits of clearing depicted on the Council-approved D&M Plan. The location and extent of the additional clearing is marked as "Area of Concern" on an enclosed aerial photograph and is approximately adjacent to new 345-kV line structure #0028 in East Granby, between Holcomb Street and Hatchet Hill Road. The clearing beyond what the Council approved on D&M Plan drawing sheet 3 of 13 extends along the length of the ROW for approximately 500 feet and beyond the limit of clearing up to approximately 26 feet at its greatest point. The surveyed area of additional clearing is 8,140 square feet, or approximately 0.187 acres.

CL&P's surveying contractor, VHB, admitted to errors in staking and flagging the clearing limits at this location in October 2011. Upon discovery of the error, which was not evident prior to the completion of the clearing activity, the surveying contractor immediately commenced verification for all Docket 370 limits of clearing, including those areas previously cleared. Verification for areas yet to be cleared is expected to be completed on or about May 11, 2012. Verification for areas previously cleared will be completed on or about June 1, 2012.

In addition to the verification, the surveying contractor has implemented corrective actions to enhance quality assurance and quality control. Specifically, the surveying contractor is using a "total



station” methodology, which provides greater accuracy as locations and dimensions are digitally read and recorded, therefore greatly reducing or mitigating the possibility of human error. To date, no additional errors have been discovered.

The location of the additional clearing was within Eastern box turtle habitat area. The Project permits require monitoring for the Eastern box turtle prior to construction activities in these areas. Consistent with Project protocols, daily sweeps for Eastern box turtles are being conducted before start of work, including on the day the additional clearing occurred. The additional clearing is anticipated to have a minor qualitative effect on the Eastern box turtle habitat, as foraging and breeding activity typically occurs within or along the cleared or margin areas of the ROW, while wintering is more likely to take place beneath the woody understory. It is important to note the additional clearing does not eliminate Eastern box turtle habitat, it merely altered the function of this portion of the habitat from predominately wintering habitat to predominately foraging/breeding habitat.

The line list number as shown on the approved D&M Plan at this property is 1032, which corresponds to a site address of Lot 263 on Holcomb Street. The property owner is Galasso Holdings. As soon as the error was discovered, a Community Relations representative on the GSRP team spoke with and apologized to Mr. Colin McAvoy, Quarry Manager at Galasso Materials<sup>1</sup>, regarding the extra clearing on its property within the ROW. Mr. McAvoy stated he fully understood what had occurred and expressed to CL&P’s Community Relations representative that he had no concerns. Mr. McAvoy did express an interest in retaining the cut trees for firewood. The Project’s clearing contractor is making arrangements to leave the wood for Mr. McAvoy in a mutually agreeable location. Attached please find a record of communication with Mr. McAvoy documenting the discussion.

Please contact me at 860-665-6774 with any questions you or Council members may have about the additional clearing.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager  
NEEWS Siting and Permitting

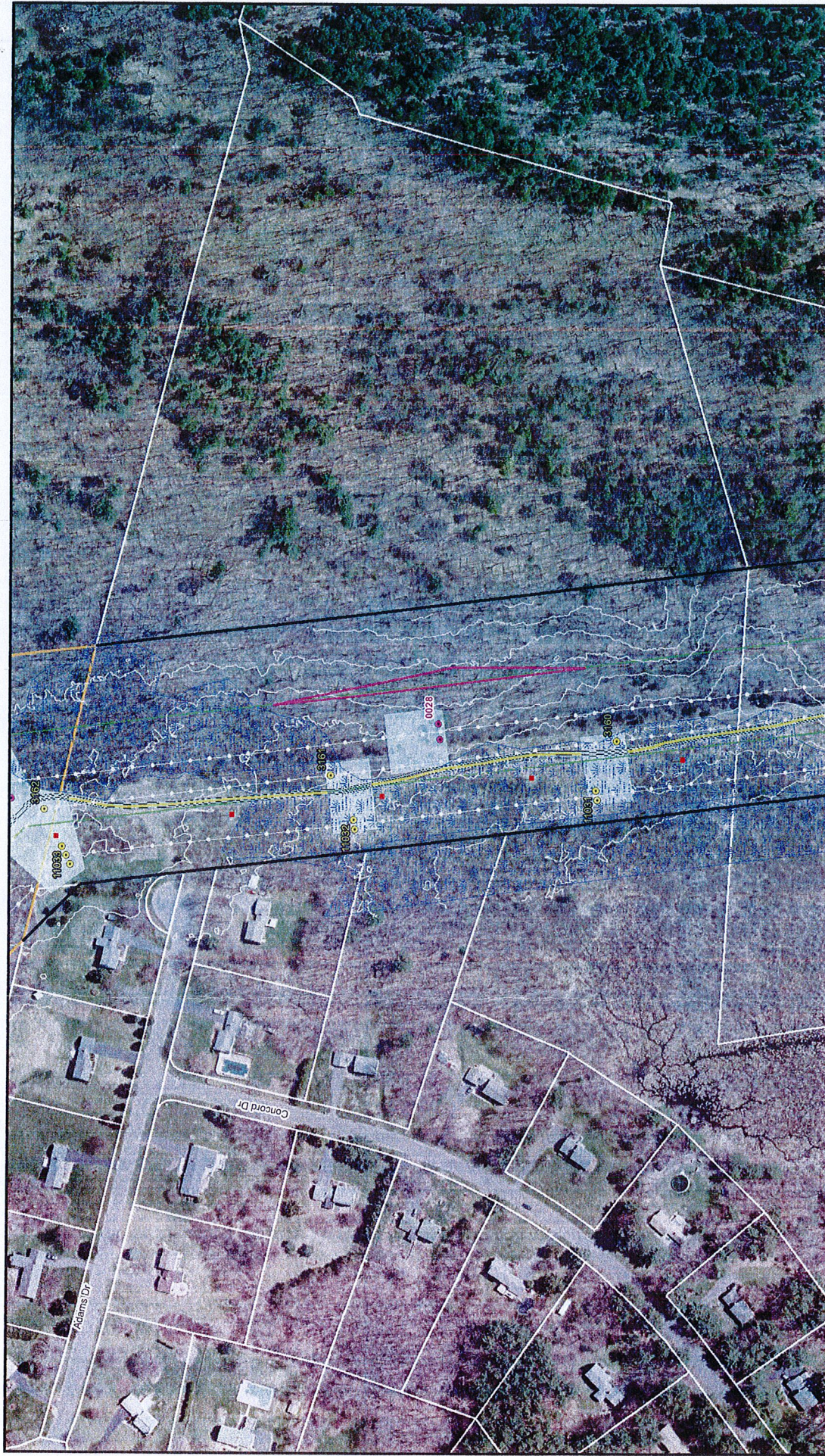
Enclosures

cc: Service List, w/o enclosures  
James H. Hayden, First Selectman, Town of East Granby w/enclosures

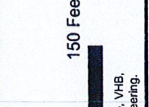
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<sup>1</sup> Mr. McAvoy of Galasso Materials is the Galasso Holdings representative for the East Granby property.





Greater Springfield Reliability Project  
 Stake Locations  
 Existing Structures 3160 & 3161  
 April 24, 2012



Source: AECOM, Coler & Colantoni, VHB, ESRI and Burns & McDonnell Engineering.

- Legend**
- Proposed Structure - Remove
  - Existing Structure - Remove
  - Proposed Transmission Structure Centerline
  - Distribution Pole - To Remain
  - Vegetation Removal Limits
  - Existing ROW
  - Wellbands
  - Existing Preferred Route
  - Existing LIDAR Access Roads
  - Proposed Pad Location
  - Contours (5 ft)
  - Area of Concern





**Troiano, John**

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**From:** Troiano, John  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2012 1:16 PM  
**To:** kshanley@burnsmcd.com  
**Subject:** FW: Greater Springfield Reliability Project

FYI – From Mr. McAvoy at Galasso Materials.

**John Troiano**  
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**From:** Colin McAvoy [<mailto:cmcavoy@galassomaterials.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2012 9:33 AM  
**To:** Troiano, John  
**Subject:** Re: Greater Springfield Reliability Project

John,

Thank you for explaining to me the error during the clearing process. It does not seem that this will have any detrimental effect on our processes.

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Colin McAvoy  
Quarry Manager  
Galasso Materials, LLC  
60 S. Main St.  
East Granby, CT 06026  
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On 4/18/2012 3:54 PM, Troiano, John wrote:  
Dear Mr. McAvoy,

Per our discussion, I have attached the following documents for a new 20' wide double leaf gate to be installed on your property off of Hatchet Hill Road in East Granby.

A specification sheet depicting the installation of a standard right-of-way gate. (NOTE: The gate example shown in the specification drawing is shown as a 16' wide single leaf gate. The gate to be installed on your property will be a 20' wide double leaf gate) See attached example photo.

An aerial view of your property off of Hatchet Hill Road showing the approximate location of the gate installation.

A standard agreement for installation of an access gate or barrier. As the property owner, you will be give the combination to the gate so that you may continue to access your property.

I would also like to apologize again on behalf of Connecticut Light & Power and the Greater Springfield Reliability Project for the accidental removal of additional trees on your property outside the Project's clearing limits on the Connecticut Siting Council-approved Development & Management Plan . To reiterate, over the route length of 500 feet, the Project accidentally cleared additional trees. The remaining uncleared width of ROW in this area was to be approximately 125 feet, and over this 500-foot length the uncleared width now ranges from about 100 to 125 feet. An uncleared width of approximately 100 feet exists over 100 feet of the 500-foot length. All of this extra clearing occurred within the existing transmission line easement. CL&P would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter.

Per your request, the Project will leave the firewood for you on your property. The specific locations of the wood will be discussed with you tomorrow morning (4/19) with our project forester and community relations representative.

Thank you again for your understanding. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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