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CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL
INTERVENOR STATUS REQUEST FORM

Docket/Petition No. 370

Town/City: Miscellaneous

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1. Manner in which petitioner claims to be substantially and specifically affected:

The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project involves a transmission line corridor that crosses the Farmington River in Tariffville Gorge near the East Granby/Bloomfield border. Since the Farmington River Watershed Association's mission is the protection, preservation, and restoration of the Farmington River and its watershed, and the proposed project has the potential for substantial disturbance of the landscape at a river crossing, we have an obligation to participate in review of the proposed route. Our specific concerns include activities that may cause bank erosion, loss of vegetative cover, contaminated runoff into the river, loss of river access, and other effects that degrade water quality, aquatic and riparian habitat, or the recreational qualities of the river in Tariffville Gorge and surrounding area.

Also, FRWA will oversee a DEP-funded engineering study of the breached Spoonville Dam at the crossing site of the transmission lines during 2009-2010, to determine ways of modifying the dam remnants so as to enhance migratory fish passage. It is important for FRWA to participate in reviewing the Greater Springfield Reliability Project to ensure that our engineering study and the subsequent implementation of the engineering design integrate well with the planned activities of Connecticut Light and Power.

2. Manner and extent to which petitioner proposes to participate:

FRWA proposes to participate through submission of written evidence and/or comments and through attendance at public hearings, as well as participation in writing or in person at any proceedings that may be specific to intervenors.

Copies of this request shall be mailed to all participants at least five (5) business days before the date of the hearing.

Signed 

Eileen Fielding

Date: 5/19/09