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RE: **DOCKET NO. 424** - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation.

Dear Mr. Morissette:

Pursuant to a decision made in accordance with R.C.S.A. §16-50j-62(b) at a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on October 31, 2013, and in response to your email of February 3, 2015, Council staff hereby approves a temporary change to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan to allow extended work hours for snow removal and de-icing activities on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 through Saturday, February 7, 2015 between the hours of 5:30 AM and 7:00 AM. This work is necessary to facilitate PAR's schedule for critical tasks, including drilling, conductor installation and structure installation and promotes a safe work area. Snow removal and de-icing activities will be performed on access roads and work pads along portions of the new 3271 Line in Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Putnam and Killingly.

This approval applies only to the temporary change to work hours to occur on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 through Saturday, February 7, 2015 proposed in your email request on February 3, 2015. Any additional changes to the D&M Plan require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's approval of the D&M Plan on October 31, 2013. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes §16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

MB/CMW

c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable Rick Ives, First Selectman, Town of Brooklyn
Jana Butts Roberson, AICP, Land Use Administrator, Town of Brooklyn
The Honorable Allan Cahill, First Selectman, Town of Hampton



Martha Fraenkel, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Hampton
The Honorable John Hallbergh, Council Chairman, Town of Killingly
Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, Town of Killingly
Linda E. Walden, Director of Planning and Development, Town of Killingly
The Honorable Maureen Nicholson, First Selectman, Town of Pomfret
Walter P. Hinchman, Planning and Zoning Chairman, Town of Pomfret
The Honorable Tony Falzarano, Mayor, Town of Putnam
Douglas Cutler, Town Administrator, Town of Putnam
Gerard Cotnoir, Planning Chairman, Town of Putnam

Walsh, Christina

From: john.morissette@eversource.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:19 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council
Cc: Bachman, Melanie; Walsh, Christina
Subject: Docket 424 - Extended Work Hours Request

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) and Sections 4 and 7.2 of the *Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Construction of the Interstate Reliability Project (Project, Interstate) New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) review and approve extended work hours for CL&P's contractor, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. (PAR) from 5:30 AM to 7:00 AM on February 4 through 7, 2015.

The purpose of the extended work hour request is to allow PAR's crews time, prior to the normal daily start of construction activities, to remove snow and apply sand and de-icers (e.g., salt) as necessary along the on and off- right-of-way (ROW) access roads and work pads where transmission line construction activities will be performed from February 4 through 7. PAR seeks these extended (early) work hours to maintain safe work sites, given the recent and forecast inclement weather conditions (snow, ice, extreme cold) that have occurred or are expected to occur through the remainder of this week. Allowing snow removal, sanding, and de-icing work to be performed prior to the commencement of normal working hours (e.g., 7:00 AM) will facilitate PAR's schedule for critical tasks (e.g., drilling, structure installation, and conductor installation) and will promote a safe work environment for construction personnel.

The areas in which CL&P requests that snow plowing, sanding, and de-icing be performed between 5:30 AM and 7:00 AM are along the new 3271 Line ROW access roads and work pads in the vicinity of following areas of Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Putnam, and Killingly:

- Conductor and OPGW installation between Structures 124 (Hampton) and 169 (Brooklyn);
- Drilling locations along the ROW in Brooklyn, Pomfret, Putnam, and Killingly.
- Steel (structure) installation locations (e.g., Structures 180, 186-200 in Brooklyn)

The performance of snow removal and de-icing is necessary to allow PAR to continue to effectively perform Project construction activities within the Council's approved work hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Snow removal, sanding, and de-icing applications along the ROW also will be performed, as needed, after 7:00 AM.

All sand and de-icing work will be performed in accordance with the "Amendments to snow Removal and De-Icing Procedures", which were provided to the Council in CL&P's November 2014 progress report for the Project (submitted December 5, 2014).

CL&P will inform the officials of the affected towns regarding the planned extended (early start) work hours.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at john.morissette@nu.com or telephone at (860) 728-4532.

Regards

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