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July 10, 2012

Linda Roberts
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
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Re: Docket No. 424
The Connecticut Light & Power Company's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project

Dear Ms. Roberts,

In accordance with the Council's CEII Protective Order entered in this docket on February 16, 2012, and with the Council's procedures for filing Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) under protective order, I enclose herewith two full printed copies (with Appendices on CD) and a CD of a draft report by the Independent System Operator – New England (ISO-NE) entitled: *Follow-Up Analysis to the 2011 New England East-West Solution (NEEWS) Interstate Reliability Project Component Updated Needs Assessment* (July 2012). As required by the Council's procedures, the document is filed in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL – PROPRIETARY INFORMATION;" and each page of the document is labeled "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information – Do Not Release." ISO-NE posted this draft for comment yesterday on its Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) website, and called for comments to be submitted by August 8, 2012.

ISO-NE has not issued a redacted version of the enclosed draft report, and generally does not issue redacted versions of draft reports, but rather waits until the final report is released to do a redaction. Accordingly, CL&P is encouraging all parties and intervenors who would like to review the draft and who have not already subscribed to the Council's protective order to do so and to return the executed copy to me. The final report should be issued shortly after the expiration of the comment period on August 8, 2012.

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The modeling done for the draft report included many assumptions with respect to available resources and future loads that differed from those reported in the *2011 Updated Needs Report* previously filed with the Council. Perhaps most notably, it models future loads as reduced by estimates of future energy measures predicted to be available beyond the three year Forward Capacity Market commitment period. ISO-NE characterizes the results of the analyses and the needs they identify as similar to those of the prior study.

The draft report notes that a second follow-up study is being conducted to confirm that the transmission solutions outlined in the *Updated Solution Study Report* issued in February, 2012 continue to meet the identified needs. CL&P understands that a draft of this report will be issued soon, before the hearings resume on July 31, 2012. CL&P will file a copy of that additional draft report, pursuant to the CEII protective order, as soon as it becomes available.

Very truly yours,



Anthony M. Fitzgerald

Enclosures

cc: CSC Service List dated June 4, 2012



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I hereby affirm that a copy of this letter was sent to each Party and Intervenor on the service list dated June 4, 2012, with method of service to each party and intervenor listed via e-mail and U.S. mail, on July 10, 2012.

Dated: July 10, 2012

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