August 23, 2004

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director


The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a technical session on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, to address several issues related to the above-referenced proceeding, including a discussion to guide the Council in determining the criteria relative to the term “buffer zone” as contained in Public Act 04-246, An Act Concerning Electric Transmission Line Siting Criteria.

The following agenda is proposed for the Wednesday, September 8, technical session:

A. Motions

- Towns of Durham and Wallingford July 23, 2004 Motion to reconsider and reverse Docket No. 217, consolidate hearings of Docket Nos. 217 and 272, update Council’s Best Management Practices (BMP) for Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) and apply such updated BMP of EMF to consolidated hearings.


Included will be responses and comments on the motions.

B. Procedures for oral argument of the Council’s draft Opinion.

C. Update on Reliability and Operability Committee (ROC) Group and KEMA studies.
D. Public comment on “buffer zone.” (Public Act 04-246) NOTE: This portion of
the agenda will be reserved for the afternoon portion of the day, beginning at
1:00 PM.

At a minimum, the Council seeks input regarding the following:

- Should “buffer zone” be defined by distance or level of milliguass?
- Define residential area.
- Should the Council consider 15 gigawatt, 27.7 GW or 30 GW New
  England-wide transmission grid load?
- Should the Council make the buffer zone wider than the right-of way
  (ROW), restrict usage of the buffer zone, or place signage along the
  buffer zone?

The public may make statements to the Council regarding “buffer zones.” The Council
may limit the time permitted for making statements and may ask questions or
clarification of remarks.

Subsequent to the technical session, the Council will direct the applicant as to the format
for electric and magnetic field mapping.

Parties and intervenors are advised that the Council has scheduled evidentiary hearings
for September 28, and 29, 2004 at the Institute of Technology and Business
Development, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), 185 Main Street, in New
Britain. These hearings will be held between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and
are reserved for cross-examination and presentation of evidence. Topics to be covered
are electric and magnetic field mitigation, Department of Transportation preferred routes,
and the East Shore route. A pre-hearing conference will be announced.

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