

April 25, 2008

Ms. Louise E. Rickard  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Department of Public Utility Control  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 08-01-01; DPUC Review of Peaking Generation Projects

Dear Ms. Rickard:

As you know, The Connecticut Light & Power Company (“CL&P”) has submitted qualifications and a proposal to the Department of Public Utility Control (“DPUC”) to construct a nominally rated 200 MW peaking generation project in the Town of Lebanon. As part of its qualification submittal, CL&P referenced a letter of interest from me, on behalf of the Town of Lebanon, to CL&P, dated January 4, 2008, as evidence of the community support for the proposed peaking facility. I now write on behalf of the Town of Lebanon to inform you that neither the Town of Lebanon, nor its residents, support this project.

By way of background, since January 4, 2008, the Town Planner, the Town’s environmental consultants and I have met with CL&P on several occasions to discuss the project. In addition, CL&P has met with the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission. CL&P also hosted an informational meeting for the residents living in the area of the proposed project. Based on the information discussed at these meetings, our refined understanding of the project, and the concerns expressed by many town residents, the Board of Selectmen held an informational hearing on April 14, 2008 to solicit input from the residents and to provide an opportunity to cast ballots in favor of, or against, the project. The community, by a very large margin (283 votes for, 29 votes against), opposed the Project. On April 22, 2008, the Board of Selectmen passed a Resolution to oppose the project. The Resolution is attached for your review.

We have reviewed the recent filings by the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Prosecutorial Unit, and we understand that CL&P’s Lebanon project was not recommended for selection by the DPUC. However, we also understand that hearings are scheduled and additional information may be forthcoming that may factor into the DPUC’s selection decision. Accordingly, as the DPUC evaluates the selection criteria for the Lebanon project, it should give great weight to the fact that there is no community support for this project and that CL&P is

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likely to encounter significant permitting delays in the face of staunch and organized opposition to the project.

Thank you for your consideration of the Town of Lebanon's position with regard to this project. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Joyce Okonuk, First Selectman

Enclosure