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Connecticut Light and Power Company seeks Corps permit to discharge fill material to work on transmission line

CONCORD, Mass. – The Connecticut Light and Power Company is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with work along 20-miles of existing transmission line in Monroe, Oxford, Middlebury, Waterbury and Watertown, Conn.

The Connecticut Light and Power Company is proposing permanent and temporary fills in wetlands/waters in association with the replacement of aging steel lattice structures along approximately 20 miles of existing 115-kV transmission line (the 1990 Line) located in the towns of Monroe, Oxford, Middlebury, Waterbury and Watertown. The existing steel lattice structures will be replaced with steel monopoles or H-frames.

The replacement project (1990 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project) consists of two sections. The approximately 17-mile “Main Section” runs north to south between Frost Bridge Substation in Watertown and Stevenson Substation in Monroe. The approximately 3-mile “Baldwin Section” runs west to east from Baldwin Junction in Middlebury to Baldwin Substation in Waterbury.

The purpose of the replacement project is to enhance the reliability of electric supply in the area. Total impacts to wetlands/waters are approximately 1.07 acres (permanent) and 2.84 acres (temporary).

The application for the federal permit was filed by Connecticut Light and Power Company with the Corps in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in U.S. waters, including wetlands.

The public notice, with more specifics on the proposed work by the Connecticut Light and Power Company, can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory and then public notices or go directly to <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Public%20Notices/>.

Public comments on this proposal by the Connecticut Light and Power Company (file # NAE-2011-154) should be forwarded no later than Sept. 28, 2012 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Susan Lee), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Susan Lee at 978-318-8494 or toll free 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: susan.k.lee@usace.army.mil.

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