

Q. AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

Q.1 AGENCY CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO FILING APPLICATION

As part of the planning process for the Greater Springfield Reliability Project and the Manchester to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project, the CL&P has consulted with various federal, state, and local agencies, in order to provide agency representatives with information about the projects and to solicit agency input. Table Q-1 (List of Federal, State and Local Agency Consultations) lists the agencies that CL&P has contacted or received comments from to date. Agency responses concerning the projects are included in Volume 4.

Table Q-1: List of Federal, State, and Local Agency Consultations

AGENCY	DATE	AGENCY CONTACT
FEDERAL		
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District	10/24/07 4/9/08 5/30/08	Susan Lee Michael Sheehan Michael Elliot Dave Keddell Paul Minkin Paul Sargent
U.S. Department of Interior - Fish & Wildlife Service	11/8/07 5/14/08	Anthony P. Tur
STATE		
Department of Environmental Protection	3/26/08	Da
Department of Environmental Protection – Franklin Wildlife Management Area	3/10/08 4/24/08	Julie Victoria
Department of Environmental Protection - Natural/Diversity Database	3/17/08 4/4/08 11/15/08	Dawn M. McKay Julie Victoria
Historical Commission	2/8/08	Karen Senich
Local		
Town of Bloomfield – Planning and Zoning	8/28/08 9/2/08	Thomas B. Hooper
Town of Bloomfield – Inland and Wetland Commission	8/18/08 8/28/08	David Castaldi
Suffield Conservation Commission	7/22/08	Barbara Chain Arthur Christenson

Q.2 ADDITIONAL AGENCY APPROVALS

In addition to a Certificate from the Council, the projects would require various permits and approvals from other agencies. At the federal level, the projects must comply with the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Rivers and Harbors Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, and National Historic Preservation Act.

Similarly, at the state level, along with compliance with the Council's regulations (as established by PUESA), the Project must conform to the Connecticut Coastal Management Act, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, and Tidal Wetlands Act. Table Q-2 (*Possible Permits, Reviews and Approvals for the GSRP and MMP*) summarizes the possible permits and approvals for the proposed Project.

Table Q-2: Possible Permits, Reviews and Approvals for the GSRP and MMP

Agency	Certificate, Permit, Review, Approval or Confirmation	Activity Regulated
FEDERAL		
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act; Section 404 CWA	Discharge of dredge or fill material into waters of the U.S. (wetlands or watercourses), installation of transmission line across navigable waterbodies
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Coordinates with Corps regarding endangered or threatened upland species; provides input to Corps permit application review	Construction or operation activities that may affect federally-listed endangered or threatened species
National Marine Fisheries Service	Coordinates with Corps regarding endangered or threatened marine species and essential fish habitat; provides input to Corps permit application review	Construction or operation activities that may affect federally-listed endangered or threatened marine species or essential fish habitat
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Provides input to Corps permit application review	Construction or operation activities that may affect water, air, or other resources

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STATE		
Connecticut Siting Council	Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Development & Management Plan approval prior to construction	General transmission line need, construction, environmental compatibility and operation
Department of Environmental Protection	Coastal Zone Consistency Certificate	Determination that Project is consistent with state coastal zone management policies and objectives
	401 Water Quality Certificate	Conformance to Section 401 of the CWA
	General Permits	Storm Water Management and other activities as they may apply
	Structures, Dredge and Fill Permit Tidal Wetlands Permit	Underground crossings of tidal waterbodies
Connecticut Historical Commission	Approval of proposed Project as consistent with the National Historic Preservation Act; comments during Council process	Construction and operation activities that may affect archaeological or historic resources.
Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture	Comments during Council and DEP review processes regarding issues pertaining to commercial shell fishing	Activities that may affect tidal or tidally-influenced waters that support shellfish resources
Department of Public Utility Control	Approval pursuant to C.G.S. Section 16-243	Method & Manner of Construction Approval to Energize
LOCAL		
Town of Bloomfield Zoning Commission (North Bloomfield Substation)	Location review pursuant to C.G.S. Section 16-50x(d)	Location Review
Town of Bloomfield Inland Wetlands Commission (North Bloomfield Substation)	Location review pursuant to C.G.S. Section 16-50x(d)	Location Review