

**Witness: CL&P Panel
Request from: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**

Question:

On August 3, 2007, interested persons, including United Illuminating and CMEEC, submitted Written Comments and recommendations on issues associated with a Request for Proposal process in connection with the NEEWS project. UI, for example, at page 1-2 of its comments, stated that the 2006-2007 ISO-NE regional system plan is no longer a reasonable sole basis for identifying large scale statewide needs and listed developments that should be considered. CMEEC, at page 8 of its comments, also noted developments that it said may not have been fully considered in the NEEWS project planning as of that date. Based on the those Written Comments, on September 11, 2007, the CEAB requested CL&P, UI, and CMEEC to review recent market and other developments and identify those developments, if any, that were considered in the course of establishing the need for NEEWS. Those included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Capacity additions resulting from the implementation of Public Act 05-01.
- Capacity additions and demand side measures resulting from the implementation of Public Act 07-242.
- The implementation of the Locational Forward Reserve Market in Connecticut.
- The Independent System Operator-New England's Forward Capacity Market.
- Current load forecasts.
- The implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, including changes in reliability standards, energy efficiency appliance standards, and demand response.
- Any other developments in Connecticut that would affect the need for, or the justification for, the NEEWS project. Since CL&P's initial response dated September 21, 2007, has CL&P performed any further assessment or otherwise reviewed the impacts of the developments described above, or any other market developments on the NEEWS project? If so, please provide all information relative to those assessments.

Response:

ISO-NE's Southern New England Transmission Reliability Needs Analysis spawned the development of a multifaceted, comprehensive transmission solution (NEEWS) which addresses several reliability problems. The New England East-West Solution is not a single project but rather four projects that have been designed to satisfy reliability needs in three states. The Greater Springfield Reliability Project is one of the four NEEWS projects, and a portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project requires transmission system upgrades in Connecticut. The Company's response to the CEAB dated September 21, 2007 was in regard to all of the NEEWS projects collectively. The matter now before the CEAB which spurred this question, according to the CEAB's transmittal letter dated July 2, 2008, is a potential RFP for alternatives only to the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project component of NEEWS. CL&P considers that the developments identified in this question (as well as other potential developments such as the retirement of Connecticut generation units) do not address the primary reasons for the GSRP nor influence the timing of its need.