

**The Connecticut Light and Power Company
Docket No. Greater Springfield Reliability Project**

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

Question:

Is the Needs Analysis based upon a 2005 ISO-NE load forecast? If so, has CL&P performed a needs assessment with more recent load forecast? If so, please provide that assessment.

Response:

Yes, the ISO-NE's Needs Analysis is based on the 2005 ISO-NE Regional System Plan load forecast. The Siting Council Application for the Connecticut portions of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project is expected to be filed in September 2008, following the Municipal Consultation Period. The project "need" section of the application will include an updated assessment of the transmission system reliability in the Greater Springfield area based on the load forecast in the ISO-NE 2008-2017 Forecast Report of Capacity, Energy, Loads and Transmission (CELT). This assessment update is currently in progress.