

Connecticut State University System

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BR#01-56



RESOLUTION

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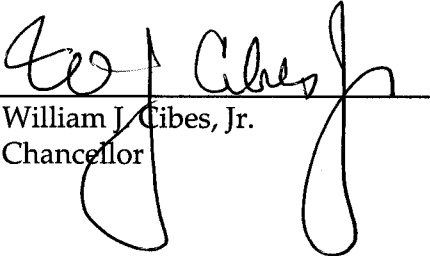
THE EXPANSION
OF AN
EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT
TO
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
AT
THE WESTSIDE CAMPUS
OF
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

July 6, 2001

- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University has granted approval of an easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground utility lines (BR#73-49), and
- WHEREAS, Since the easement was granted, the Westside Campus of Western Connecticut State University has expanded to accommodate housing for approximately 730 students and other structures of 430,000 gross square feet, and
- WHEREAS, Future development of the campus will provide for an additional 361,000 gross square feet, and
- WHEREAS, The current easement does not have sufficient capacity to accommodate expansion of the existing distribution system, and
- WHEREAS, In September of 2000 Western Connecticut State University allowed the Connecticut Light and Power Company to install underground conduit at the site adjacent to the existing easement, and
- WHEREAS, The Connecticut Light and Power Company has indicated a desire to use this expansion to serve customers other than Western Connecticut State University, although Western Connecticut State University will also benefit from the expansion, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System ratify the action of Western Connecticut State University, and amend Board Resolution #73-49 to authorize the Department of Public Works to expand by approximately six feet the width of the existing utility easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company at the Westside Campus of Western Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

The expansion of the existing utility easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) at the Westside campus of Western Connecticut State University.

BACKGROUND

In 1969, the State of Connecticut acquired 232 acres of land in Danbury for the expansion of Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) which was subsequently named the Westside Campus. In 1973 an easement was granted to the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) for the permanent right to install, operate, maintain, renew and replace underground lines needed for the transmission of light, heat and for other purposes such as cable TV, telephone, water, gas, sewer, etc. at the newly acquired property (BR#73-49).

ANALYSIS

The utility duct bank installed by the Connecticut Light and Power Company in the early 1970's was originally intended to accommodate development that was proposed at that time including the new classroom building (Ansell School of Business), dormitory (Ella Grasso Hall) and fieldhouse (O'Neill Center). Since that time, additional projects have been developed and the site currently contains over 430,000 gross square feet of space and houses 730 students. The current master plan anticipates an additional 361,000 square feet of construction to occur over the next several years.

In September of last year, WCSU and CL&P discussed expanding CL&P's current right-of-way on the Westside campus in order to bring additional electricity to their Lake Avenue customers. WCSU will also incidentally benefit from this expansion as the Westside campus grows. WCSU agreed to the expansion, and as of today most of the underground conduit has been buried. It is entirely underground on campus and will be installed on existing utility poles when it leaves the campus. All installation has been and will be performed by CL&P.

It is necessary for the Board of Trustees to ratify this action and authorize the Department of Public Works to amend the original easement allowing Connecticut Light and Power to install additional underground infrastructure. Connecticut Light and Power will have responsibility to operate and maintain the underground utility infrastructure.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Ratify the expansion of the Connecticut Light and Power Company's easement and authorize the Department of Public Works to amend the existing easement to Connecticut Light and Power Company by approximately six feet.