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RESOLVED,

### Connecticut State University System



### RESOLUTION

concerning

# THE MODIFICATION of an EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT to THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

# AT THE WESTSIDE CAMPUS of WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

## April 6, 2006

WHEREAS, In 1973, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System granted approval for an easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground utility lines (BR#73-49), and

In 2001, the Board of Trustees approved the widening of said easement (BR#01-56) to facilitate the installation of a new duct bank to service additional buildings to be constructed on the Westside Campus, and

CL&P has requested permission to install above-ground equipment to meet the needs of the University both within and beyond the boundaries of the existing easement, and

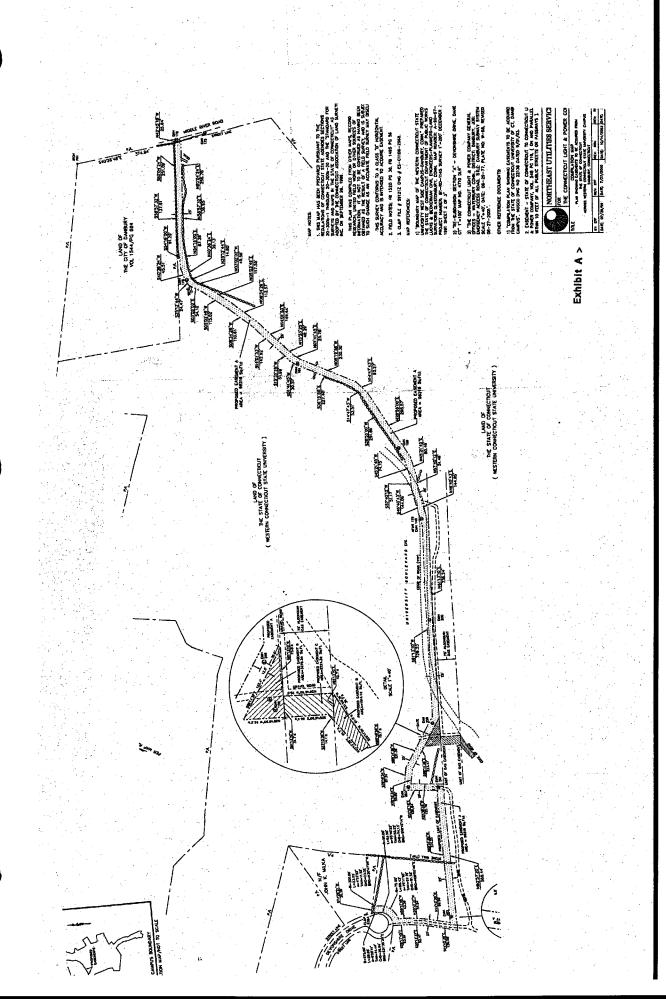
The installation of all equipment will be coordinated between the University, CL&P and the Department of Public Works, and

Expansion of the easement and authority to install above-ground equipment will permit the development of a new road to the City of Danbury's magnet school, the construction of the new Westside Campus Student Center and other future WCSU buildings, therefore be it

That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System amend Board Resolution #01-56 to authorize the Department of Public Works to expand the width of the existing utility easement and permit the installation of above-ground equipment by CL&P within said easement as indicated on Exhibit A - "Compilation Map Plan Showing Easements to be acquired from the State of Connecticut across Western Connecticut State University Campus Danbury, CT".

A Certified True Copy:

David G. Carter Chancellor



### **ITEM**

Modification of an existing utility easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) at the Westside campus of Western Connecticut State University (WCSU)

## **BACKGROUND**

In 1969, the State of Connecticut acquired 232 acres of land in Danbury for the expansion of WCSU, which acreage was subsequently named the Westside Campus. In 1973 an easement was granted by the State to enable CL&P to install, operate, maintain, renew and replace underground lines needed for the transmission of electricity to the Westside Campus (BR#73-49).

In 2001, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approved the widening of the easement to enable CL&P to install a new duct bank to serve additional buildings to be constructed at the Westside Campus (BR#01-56).

### **ANALYSIS**

The 2001 Board resolution permitted the widening of the easement granted to CL&P to permit the installation of new electrical service to the university and community. However, this easement mandated the work be installed underground. In order to meet the needs of the new student center, future buildings, and to accommodate the installation of a road to serve the new magnet school, CL&P needs to install above ground equipment to complete electrical service requirements. In addition, the width of the current easement does not permit the installation of all the equipment necessary to meet those needs. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has been negotiating with CL&P to develop language necessary to revise the existing easement.

It is necessary for the Board of Trustees to authorize DPW to amend the existing easement to allow CL&P to install additional above-ground infrastructure. CL&P will be responsible for operating and maintaining their utility infrastructure.

# CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the expansion of CL&P's easement and authorize DPW to amend the existing easement to serve the needs of the WCSU Westside Campus.