



September 15, 2008

Mr. Jay Beaumont
Acting Chairman
Town of Montgomery Planning Board
110 Bracken Road
Montgomery, New York 12549-2627

Re: *Central Hudson WM Line Rebuild Project*

Dear Mr. Beaumont:

In a letter dated May 16, 2008, the Town of Montgomery Planning Board asked Central Hudson Gas and Electric ("Central Hudson") for certain information regarding the referenced project. These requests, numbering fourteen (14) in all, related to a number of different topics with regard to Central Hudson's right-of-way practices and previous submissions Central Hudson had made to the Planning Board. On July 15, 2008, Central Hudson responded to the Planning Board's May 16 letter, providing answers to certain of the requests for clarification, but did not provide a number of documents requested arguing in that letter that such documents were not relevant to applications before the Planning Board.

As you know, the subject of this response came up during the August 11 work session with the Planning Board. Since that time, Central Hudson has had an opportunity to reevaluate its responses to determine whether it might supplement its response of July 15, 2008. Based on that reevaluation, we provide the following responses.

With respect to Items 1-4 and 6, please find see Attachment 1 containing our PSC reports for the past four years (2004-2007). These reports contain all available information related to the questions in each of those items. Please note that the danger tree program (Item #3) is part of our aerial inspection, ground patrol and general inspection programs outlined in the LRVMP, and is an on-going process. The PSC reports have annual summaries. Hot spot (Item #6) work is tracked as required. Although the PSC order does not require reporting the annual report contains some limited information on hot spot trimming for the year.

With respect to Item 5, please refer to the WM Line Planning Study in Attachment 2 for available data on non-vegetation related outages.

With respect to Items 7 and 8 in the Planning Board's May 16 letter, a list of public outreach meetings Central Hudson representatives attended or participated in, is attached to this letter as Attachment 3. However, as noted in our July 15 letter, given the nature of an open house, specific comments or minutes were not recorded at these events and therefore we cannot provide all of the information you are requesting in Item 8 because such documents do not exist. Unless written comments were provided we do not have specific notes from individual commenters from discussions at the open house since they

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were most likely made while reviewing maps or drawings of the proposed project. Similarly, during the time leading up to the open house sessions (and prior to submittal of the application) there typically were not specific notes assembled from the numerous discussions with municipal officials and individual landowners.

With respect to Item 9, please refer to the LRVMP (which was provided in a prior submission) for a list of all of our 69kV lines with generalized ROW dimensions. However, the level of detail requested is not readily available and would be difficult to provide because ROW widths vary and the edge reclamation program is on-going.

Previous responses, including the July 15 letter have provided complete and thorough answers to Items 10 and 11.

With regard to Item 12 please see the WM Planning Study in Attachment 2.

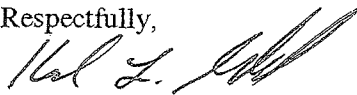
Attachment 4 contains engineering data and specifications in response to Item 13.

With regard to Item 14, please refer to Sections 3.5 and 3.6 (pp. 15-39) of the Alternate Route Analysis wherein the criteria are thoroughly described for each factor.

We hope that this supplemental response is satisfactory to the Planning Board as Central Hudson wishes to move forward with the Planning Board's consideration of its application, which we are hopeful results in a negative determination of significance (i.e., negative declaration) under SEQRA. We look forward to meeting with members of the Planning Board in a workshop on September 18 and at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 29, 2008.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Karl Schoeberl
Director, Environmental Affairs

cc: Kevin M. Bernstein, Esq.
Richard Hoyt, Esq.

Attachment 1



March 28, 2008

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
State of New York
Department of Public Service
Three Empire Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Ms. Brillling,

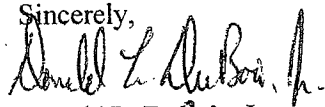
Re: 2007 Electric Transmission Vegetation Management Report
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation

Enclosed is our 2007 Electric Transmission Vegetation Management Report. The report includes the following information:

1. Herbicide Usage Report for 2007
2. Quantity and Cost of Work Completed by Technique (Completion Year: 2007)
3. 2007 Danger Tree Removal Program Summary Report
4. Electric Transmission ROW Management Program for 2007 (Status of Work Planned)
5. Electric Transmission ROW Management Program Proposed for 2008
6. 2007 Transmission "Vegetation Caused Outage" Report – 69 kV and above

Also enclosed are two letters, one which updates the status of the buffer zone work completed to date as well as the plan for completion of the remaining buffer zone tree removal work, and the second letter provides an update on the status of securing additional rights or ROW widths in order to maintain industry standards for adequate vegetation management for the bulk transmission system as well as the plan for the next highest priority lines to be addressed.

Should you require further information concerning this filing, please contact me at 845-486-5844

Sincerely,

Donald L. DuBois, Jr.
Manager of System Construction

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CENTRAL HUDSON ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
HERBICIDE USAGE REPORT FOR 2007

METHOD	MIX	ACRES TREATED	MIXED GALLONS	MIXED GAL./AC.	CONCENTRATE GALLONS	CONCENTRATE GAL./ACRE
L.V.F.	KRENITE - 5 GAL. ARSENAL - 32 OZ. ESCOURT - 3 OZ. WATER - 94.75 GAL TOTAL - 100 GAL	1089 ac.	5400	5	284	0.26
L.V.F.	ACCORD - 4 GAL. ARSENAL - 48 OZ. WATER - 95.7 GAL. TOTAL - 100 GAL.	100	200	2	8.6	0.86
Cut Treat	GARLON 4 - 1 GAL. STALKER - 5 OZ. MINERAL OIL - 3 GAL.	622	23.4	0.38	7.8	0.0125
Cut Treat	ACCORD - 50% WATER - 50%	0	0	0	0	0

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION
 2007 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
 QUANTITY AND COST OF WORK COMPLETED BY TECHNIQUE

TREATMENT METHOD	WORK COMPLETED	TOTAL COST	AVERAGE COST
<u>ROUTINE RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM</u>			
side trim	17.5 miles	\$108,190	\$6182.28/MILE
no-work	0 acres	\$0	\$0.00/ACRE
cut, stump treat	481	\$153,064	\$318.22/ACRE
cut, chip, stump treat	141 acres	\$132,500	\$939.72/ACRE
backpack low volume foliar	1189	\$278,099	\$233.89/ACRE
hydraulic low volume foliar			
hydraulic high volume foliar			
radiarc,			
mow	0 acres	\$0	\$0/ACRE
mow, cut stubble			
ROUTINE PROGRAM SUMMARY			
total routine program	1811 acres	\$563,663	\$311.24/ACRE
total side trim	17.5 miles	\$108,190	\$6,182.28/Mile
Total Routine Expenditures:		\$671,853	
<u>EDGE ENCROACHMENT RECLAMATION</u>			
edge reclamation	61.15 miles	\$632,113	\$10337.08/Mile
<u>DANGER TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM</u>			
danger tree	116 trees	\$44,568	\$384.21/Tree
<u>HOT SPOT TRIMMING PROGRAM</u>			
hot spot	60 miles	\$69,905	\$1165.08/Mile
Total 2007 Program Expenditures:		\$1,418,439	

2007 Danger Tree Removal Program Summary Report

Line Designation	From Structure	To Structure	Number of Trees Removed
HG	27582	27917	70
303	111653	111650	10
SC	79203	63277	20
NF	55597	59518	10
FO	71815	71859	6
			Total: 116 Trees

Total 2007 Expenditures: \$44,567.78
Average Cost: \$384.21/Tree

Central Hudson Transmission ROW Management Program for 2007

District	Line Designation	From	To	Voltage	Acres Treated	Status
Kingston	301	Hurley Avenue	Leeds	345	394	Complete
Newburgh	303	Roseton	Hurley	345	336	Complete
Newburgh	311	Roseton	Rock Tavern	345	350	Complete
Newburgh	SJ/SD	Sugarloaf	New Jersey	115	127	Complete
Newburgh	CW	East Walden	Coldenham	115	76	Complete
Newburgh	D	East Walden	Rock Tavern	115	120	Complete
Newburgh	DW	Chadwick Lake	Danskammer	115	180	Complete
Newburgh	DW	Chadwick Lake	East Walden	115	See DW Danskammer	Complete
Newburgh	DW	Chadwick Lake	West Balnville	115	47	Complete
Newburgh	J	East Walden	Rock Tavern	115	See D Line	Complete
Newburgh	SL	Rock Tavern	Sugar Loaf	115	181	Complete

Total Acres Included in the 2007 Program: 3208

Total Anticipated Treatable Acres: 1800

Total Actual Treated Acres: 1811

Central Hudson Transmission ROW Management Program Proposed for 2008

Line Designation	From	To	Voltage
SC	Sand Dock	North Chelsea	115
NF	Fishkill Plains	North Chelsea	115
M	Manchester	Pleasant Valley	115
MC	Manchester	Knapps Corners	115
KB & KC	Sand Dock - Barnegat	Knapps Corners	115
FO	N Chelsea	Forgebrook	115
FP	Fishkill Plains	Sylvan Lake (A Spur)	115
FS	Wiccopee	Shenandoah	115
HF	Fishkill Plains	East Fishkill	115
EF	East Fishkill	Shenandoah	115
DC	North Chelsea	Danskammer	115
FT	Forgebrook	Tioronda	115
A	Fishkill Plains	Todd Hill	115
AC	Danskammer	North Chelsea	115
C	Pleasant Line	Todd Hill	115
WF	Forgebrook	Merritt Park	115
WP	Merritt Park	Wiccopee	115
X	Van Wagner	Pleasant Valley	115
X	Reynolds Hill	Inwood	115
X	Inwood	Van Wagner	115
TG	N Chelsea	Chelsea	69
TR	NY Trap Rock	Knapps Corners	69
TV	Myers Corners	Wappingers	69
TV	Wappingers	Chelsea	69
KM	Knapps Corners	Myers Corners	69
G	Knapps Corners	LaGrangeville	69
G	LaGrangeville	Tinkertown	69
G	Tap	Fishkill Plains	69
G	Tinkertown	Pleasant Valley	69

Total Acres included in the 2008 Program: 1498.5
Total Anticipated Treatable Acres: 1498.5

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION
 2007 Transmission "Vegetation Caused Outage" Report - 69kV and above

Date	Time	Line Designation	Voltage Class, KV	Structure Number	Tree Location	Height	Condition	Distance From Conductor to base	Slope	Weather Conditions Temp (F) Wind (mph)
4/10/2007	2040	HG	69	27911	Out of ROW	50'	Good	40'	Flat	30 20+
Comment: A tree brushed the line on pole 27911 at Phillips Road, resulting in a broken insulator - repairs were completed. No customers were interrupted.										
4/13/2007	1614	OB	69	Tower #187	Out of ROW	50'	Fair	Unavailable	45 Degrees	45 25
Comment: A leader broke from a Norway Maple rooted on slope above ROW and fell across all 3 phases of the N line on common (N & OB line) tower #187 located between the Boulevard Substation and Dewitt Mills Road. Momentary interruption.										
4/13/2007	1614	N	69	Tower #187	Out of ROW	50'	Fair	Unavailable	5 Degrees	45 25
Comment: See comment above, no interruption.										
4/18/2007	1315	P	69	180755	Out of ROW	Unavailable	Unavailable	200'	20 Degrees	45 15
Comment: 200 foot long mud slide caused approximately 20 trees to slide into the P Line conductor. A 1 hour, 29 minute and 39 second interruption occurred.										
5/15/2007	1056	HG	69	Unavailable	Edge of ROW	60'	Poor	45'	Flat	70 15+
Comment: Central Hudson contract tree trimming crew while in process of transmission ROW reclamation cut tree that was decayed in center causing it to fall into the HG line bringing down one phase wire in the vicinity of Culter Road, Honk Falls. No interruptions.										
8/17/2007	22:28	G	69	33634	Edge of ROW	45'	Fair	15'	Flat	65 35+
Comment: A silver maple tree split off approximately 20' above the ground. Coming in contact and pulling down conductors. The tree was located on the edge of the ROW 2 sections west of Top O Hill Road. The tree is approximately 50' tall with a dbh of 14". This particular section of line is schedule for edge reclamation during the winter of 2008. A 14 minute, 42 second interruption occurred.										
10/23/2007	15:00	H	69	377	Off ROW	65'	Good	50'	30 Degrees	72 30+
Comment: Large Red Oak tree up-rooted approximately 10' outside ROW edge and came down across two phase wires at John Shultz Road and West Camp Road, Saugerties, NY. A 36 second interruption to Lehigh Cement and St. Lawrence Cement occurred.										



March 27, 2008

Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Case 04-E-0822

Dear Secretary Brillling:

The original and two copies of a plan were filed with the Commission on October 13, 2005, in accordance with the "Order Requiring Enhanced Transmission Right-of-Way Management Practices by Electric Utilities" for the evaluation of vegetative buffers on Electric Transmission Right of Ways. A "Plan" was not submitted regarding the bulk and other critical transmission facilities as the road crossing vegetative buffers on these lines were all removed as part of the edge encroachment reclamation work completed in 2004. The status of the buffer zone work completed to date as well as the plan for completion of the remaining buffer zone tree removal work on Central Hudson's entire electric transmission system is provided below:

Beginning in 2004, Central Hudson revised the Routine ROW Maintenance Program to include removal of all tall growing, incompatible vegetation from all buffer zones up to the limits of the easements and/or special permitting requirements. The buffer zones on

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