


September 25, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeffrey P. Geoghegan, CPA 
Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Proposed Modification of Distribution Right-of-Way Easements on UConn Property between Hunting Lodge Road and King Hill Road in Storrs for the benefit of Connecticut Light & Power (aka CL&P or Eversource)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the University Administration entering into an easement modification agreement with the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) to widen the existing distribution right of way on UConn-owned property for the purpose of upgrading CL&P's Transmission System to the University's 38E substation. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the University Administration to enter into easement modification agreements with the Connecticut Light and Power Company to widen the existing distribution right of way on UConn-owned property located between Hunting Lodge Road and King Hill Road in Storrs.”

BACKGROUND:

The proposed easements are to benefit the Connecticut Light and Power Company's planned upgrades to its Transmission System to serve the University's 38E substation. Effectively, CL&P has an existing 50' wide easement over UConn property and needs to widen the area to 100' for the new high voltage power lines. The proposed easement areas are shown on the map in Attachment A and is entitled “Right of Way Survey, Transmission Right of Way Across Property of the University of Connecticut and State of Connecticut to be Granted to the Connecticut Light & Power Company D/B/A/ Eversource Energy, Hunting Lodge Rd & King Hill Rd, Mansfield, CT,” prepared by Barton & Loguidice and dated August 7, 2024. The final easement language remains subject to final negotiations. The University will not seek consideration for these easement modifications given the benefit in increased power capacity the University receives from the upgrades to the CL&P's Transmission System.

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