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The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has issued a Notice of Tentative Determination (NTD) regarding the Diversion Application that Connecticut Water and the University of Connecticut (UConn) jointly filed seeking approval for the delivery of water from Connecticut Water to UConn and the Town of Mansfield.

The Notice reflects a finding by DEEP that the proposed diversion 1) is necessary, 2) will not significantly affect long-range water resources management, and 3) will not impair proper management and use of the water resources of the State.

The request was consistent with the earlier Environmental Impact Evaluation, which concluded that the Connecticut Water proposal was the most environmentally sound and economical alternative as well as being most consistent with the State Plan of Conservation and Development.

Connecticut Water (CWC) will construct a pipeline from Tolland to Mansfield to provide additional supply for UConn and the Mansfield area. The NTD includes a list of conditions that would be required for the regulated activity under the permit.

Opportunities for Public Input

Before making a final decision on the application, DEEP will consider written comments from interested persons. **Written comments should be directed to Doug Hoskins, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, Inland Water Resources Division, Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, or may be submitted via electronic mail to Douglas.Hoskins@ct.gov no later than January 15th, 2015, and reference permit number DIV-201404187.**

The Commissioner intends to waive the requirement for public hearing, but shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition as more thoroughly described in the notice.

Permit Provisions

The permit includes various conditions, as typically required by DEEP, that call for monitoring, reporting, and best management practices to ensure the protection of the environment. In addition, this permit has specific provisions that address growth along the pipeline and maintain stream flow releases to the Hockanum River to protect downstream fishery habitats.

Specific Provisions Include:

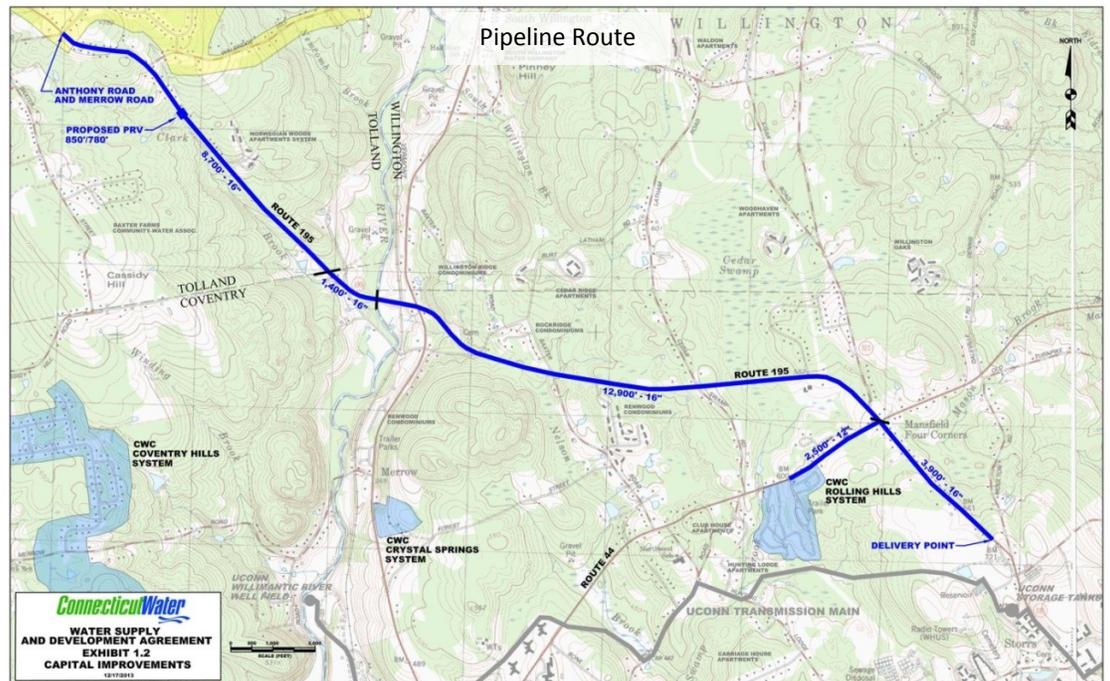
- Maintaining current streamflow releases until the Hockanum River is classified pursuant to streamflow regulations.
- CWC will shift to making more natural "Class 3" type releases, or other DEEP approved release.
- Water service connections and uses along pipeline limited to intensity previously envisioned by local plans of conservation and development.
- Record-keeping and reporting of daily downstream releases and new service connections.
- Reporting on the implementation of long range conservation plans including leak detection and other measures.



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The amount of water supply requested in the application was based on estimates of UConn's and Mansfield's projected needs through the 25 year term of the permit. Specifically, it would allow Connecticut Water to provide as much as 1.18 million gallons per day (mgd) on average and a maximum of 1.85 mgd for a peak day, although the Town and University anticipate using considerably less than that at the onset. The water will come from the Shenipsit Lake Reservoir and Rockville Water Treatment Plant. The reservoir has a capacity of 5 billion gallons, a registered diversion of 15 mgd and an approved safe yield of 10 mgd, far in excess of the company's average daily withdrawals.

Connecticut Water will continue to meet the area's water supply needs and fully comply with current release requirement to the Hockanum River and the State's recently enacted stream flow regulations. Connecticut Water has historically maintained and protected flows in the Hockanum through downstream releases made from Lake Shenipsit. These flows will be maintained and the Hockanum protected. We will also maintain our DPH approved recreation program at Shenipsit Lake that allows for Connecticut Residents to participate in fishing and hiking activities in accordance with our approved permit.



Anyone with questions on the Notice of Tentative Determination or the application should contact David Radka at Connecticut Water at 860-664-6059 or 860-669-8630, or Douglas Hoskins at DEEP at 860-424-4192.

You may also provide comments to DEEP or petition for a hearing using the procedures outlined in the Notice of Tentative Determination.

The Notice of Tentative Determination is available for viewing at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=2586&Q=557982>

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