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**Farmington Valley Municipal Leaders Meet With CL&P Executives to Review Area Power Restoration Plan** – Elected and appointed officials from Avon, Canton, Farmington, Granby and Simsbury met today with Connecticut Light & Power Vice President of Customer Solutions William J. Quinlan and other CL&P senior staff members to review CL&P’s plan to restore power to 99% of area residents by midnight on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Senator Richard Blumenthal, Congressman Chris Murphy, State Senator Kevin Witkos and State Representative Linda Schofield were also present to voice their support for the municipalities.

In a frank exchange, municipal leaders expressed skepticism about the power company’s commitment to restore power to all but 1% of its Farmington Valley customers by Sunday and questioned the company’s baseline assessment of the existing damage. Quinlan and Director of Operations Sherri Winslow responded that CL&P was committing the necessary resources to get the job done. “There’s no question that this is a daunting challenge,” said Quinlan, “but we are confident that power can be restored in this time frame.”

CL&P agreed to meet with Town representatives on a regular basis to assess progress towards the full restoration goal. “I made clear in conversations yesterday with CL&P that this meeting was absolutely necessary,” said Congressman Chris Murphy. “CL&P has made a commitment and they’ve agreed to be measured against that commitment. Now it is up to them to deliver.”

CL&P plans a dramatic increase in crews of all types to meet its restoration goals. The company’s power restoration efforts have been greatly enhanced by crews from out of state and by Connecticut National Guard troops who are helping to clear roads. Senior level contacts within CL&P were also identified for each town to ensure that problems can be communicated directly to CL&P decision-makers.

In attendance were Avon Town Manager Brandon Robertson, Canton First Selectman Richard Barlow, Farmington Town Manager Kathy Eagen, Granby Town Manager Bill Smith and Simsbury First Selectman Mary Glassman, as well as police, fire and emergency responders for all of the towns represented.

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