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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 27, 2023

TO: Service List, dated July 20, 2023

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *NAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI's Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI's existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

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**Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing**

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) shall continue the evidentiary hearing for the above-referenced proceeding on **Tuesday, August 29, 2023**, via Zoom conferencing, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** A copy of the Instructions for Public Access to the Continued Evidentiary Hearing is attached.

The hearing shall commence with the appearance of the Applicant for cross examination by BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. and cross examination on the new exhibits by the Council followed by the appearance of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. for cross examination by the Council and the Applicant.

**UI Late-Filed Exhibits**

During the July 25, 2023 evidentiary hearing session, the Council requested UI submit the following information as late-filed exhibits:

1. Cost table based on the relocation of proposed structures (and associated foundations) off of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. property;
2. Update to response to Council interrogatory 3 to reflect additional contacts with the public;
3. Clarify wetland delineations and impacts as they relate to the discussion of floodplain impacts in section 6.3 of Volume 1 of the Application; and
4. Referencing Figure 2-1 on page 2-2 of Volume 1 of the Application, include line numbers on this diagram.

The Council requests these late-filed exhibits be submitted to the Council before the close of business on **August 22, 2023**.

To save the time and expense of the parties, intervenors and the public, and to conclude this proceeding in a timely fashion, the Council requests that all parties and intervenors submit additional interrogatories to the applicant and other parties and intervenors on or before **August 15, 2023**. Interrogatory responses and additional pre-filed testimony, as well as any supplemental information requested of the applicant during the July 25, 2023 hearing, should be submitted to the Council on or before **August 22, 2023**.

Any request for an extension of time to submit pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

If you have any questions about Council procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Council office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you.

MAB/MP/laf

Enclosures:     Schedule, dated July 27, 2023  
                      Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 516 Remote Continued Evidentiary Hearing  
                      Session

c:            Council Members  
              BCT Reporting LLC



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### REVISED SCHEDULE

**DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

Application received	03/17/2023
Completeness review	04/13/2023
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set-One Filed</li><li>• Set-One responses due</li></ul>	05/10/2023 05/31/2023
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing - 11:00 a.m.	06/28/2023
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set-Two Filed</li><li>• Set-Two responses due</li></ul>	07/11/2023 07/18/2023
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenor	<b>07/11/2023</b>
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	<b>07/18/2023</b>
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/18/2023
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 516 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	07/25/2023
<b>Final Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenor</b>	<b>08/15/2023</b>
<b>Final Deadline for Pre-filed testimony, responses to interrogatories and submission of late filed exhibits</b>	<b>08/22/2023</b>
Continued Evidentiary Session	08/29/2023
Close of Evidentiary Record	08/29/2023
Close of Public Comment Period	09/28/2023
Draft Findings of Fact	10/12/2023
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	10/26/2023
Deadline for Decision	03/17/2024

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**Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 516 Remote Continued  
Evidentiary Hearing Session – August 29, 2023 – 2 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Interested persons may join the continued evidentiary session to listen, but **no public comments will be received** during the continued evidentiary session. Public comments may be submitted to the Council by email at [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) or by regular mail.
- Any person may be removed from the remote continued evidentiary session at the discretion of the Council.
- All participants are requested to mute sound notifications on their computer, smartphone or tablet. Telephones are often equipped with a “do not disturb” feature for the dial-in option.

**Access to Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session**

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86075015204?pwd=ZmhyNU9WczVZdWRoTFp5ZHBOR085dz09> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required.  
**Meeting ID: 860 7501 5204 and Passcode: HZr7w8**
2. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1 (929) 205 6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 860 7501 5204 and Passcode: 702261** from a telephone.
3. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order of party appearances and cross examination governed by the Hearing Program.
4. **No public comments will be received during the continued evidentiary hearing session.**