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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 17, 2023

TO: Service List, dated November 16, 2023

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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.

Motions

1. Jacquelyn Thunfors Request for Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor Status, dated November 9, 2023

This request was granted and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §16-50n(c), the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) grouped Jacquelyn Thunfors with the Grouped LLC Intervenor on the basis of similar interests and common counsel.

2. Sean Cowan Request for Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor Status, dated November 9, 2023

This request was granted and pursuant to CGS §16-50n(c), the Council grouped Sean Cowan with the Grouped LLC Intervenor on the basis of similar interests and common counsel.

3. The National Trust for Historic Preservation Request for Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor Status, dated November 9, 2023

This request was granted on the condition that Attorney Mayes is licensed to practice law in the state of Connecticut, and if not, grouped the National Trust for Historic Preservation pursuant to CGS 16-50n(c) with the Grouped LLC Intervenor with Attorney Russo as the sponsoring attorney for purposes of a *pro hac vices* appearance.

A party and intervenor chart for the proceeding, dated November 17, 2023, is attached for convenience.

4. Sasco Creek Neighborhood Environmental Trust Incorporated (SCNET) Motion to Compel, dated November 14, 2023

This request was denied on the basis of the availability of applicant's witness panel for cross examination on topics that are relevant to the Council's evaluation of the application including, but not limited to, the Fairfield to New Haven Railroad Corridor Transmission Line Asset Condition Assessment that is in the record under Council Administrative Notice Item Nos. 31 (Docket No. 3B) and 34 (Docket No. 508), as well as applicant's responses to Council Interrogatories Nos. 5 and 6, and public availability of all presentations related to asset conditions along the existing electric transmission line on the ISO-New England, Inc. website.

Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing

The Council shall continue the evidentiary hearing for the above-referenced proceeding on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023**, via Zoom remote 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 continued appearance of the Applicant for cross examination on the **exhibits admitted into evidence during the November 16, 2023 evidentiary hearing session** by the Grouped LLC Intervenor (including the National Trust for Historic Preservation per the Council's conditional grant of Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor status) to be followed by Fairfield Station Lofts (FSL) and the Town of Fairfield (Town).

The hearing shall proceed with the appearances of the parties and intervenors in the order by which the requests were granted by the Council, commencing with the appearance of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. (BWC) for cross examination on the **new exhibits requested by UI during the October 17, 2023 evidentiary hearing session** followed by the appearances of SCNET Group, Grouped LLC Intervenor, FSL, the Town and Superior Plating Company for cross examination by all parties and intervenors and the Council.

The final extended deadline for submission of interrogatories expired on October 12, 2023. The final extended deadline for submission of pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories expired on November 9, 2023.

Direct testimony at the hearings is not permitted. This applies to all parties and intervenors.

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 November 17, 2023
Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 516 Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session
Party and Intervenor Chart, dated November 17, 2023

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REVISED SCHEDULE

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Application received	03/17/2023
Completeness review	04/13/2023
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set-One Filed• Set-One responses due	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">• Set-Two Filed• Set-Two responses due	07/11/2023 07/18/2023
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	07/11/2023
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	07/18/2023
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	07/25/2023
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set-Three Filed• Set-Three responses due	08/01/2023 08/22/2023
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	08/15/2023
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony, responses to interrogatories and submission of late filed exhibits	08/22/2023
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing	08/29/2023
Final Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors	09/19/2023
Final Deadline for Pre-filed testimony, responses to interrogatories and submission of late filed exhibits	10/03/2023
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing (<i>refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 516 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in</i>)	10/17/2023

Final Extended Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenor	10/12/2023
Final Extended Deadline for Pre-filed testimony, responses to interrogatories and submission of late filed exhibits	11/02/2023
Final Extended Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories (with extension granted by the Council)	11/09/2023
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing (<i>refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 516 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in</i>)	11/16/2023
Continued Evidentiary Session 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing (<i>refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 516 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in</i>)	11/28/2023
Close of Evidentiary Record	11/28/2023
Close of Public Comment Period	12/28/2023
Draft Findings of Fact	01/04/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	01/18/2024
Deadline for Decision	03/17/2024

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone



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**Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 516 Remote Continued
Evidentiary Hearing Session – November 28, 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 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/88417293905?pwd=1uxPHufmmOrqan8ZSMNsFLXl4FnQ6X.1>
from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required.
Meeting ID: 884 1729 3905 and Passcode: C40iz6
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: 884 1729 3905 and Passcode: 430651** 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.**

Docket 516 Parties and Intervenors, November 17, 2023

	Name	Status	Attorney	Group	Granted
1	UI	Party/Applicant	McDermott		4/13/2023
2	BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. (BWC)	Party	Casagrande Mortelliti		7/20/2023
3	Sasco Creek Environmental Trust, Inc., et al (SCNET)	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola	SCNET Group	8/29/2023
4	2190 Post Road, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola	SCNET Group	8/29/2023
5	Invest II	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola	SCNET Group	8/29/2023
6	International Investors	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola	SCNET Group	8/29/2023
7	Trinity Episcopal Church	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola	SCNET Group	10/17/2023
8	Pequot Library Association	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola	SCNET Group	10/17/2023
9	Sasquanaug Association for Southport Improvement	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola	SCNET Group	10/17/2023
10	Southport Congregational Church	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Coppola Bogan (10/26/2023)	SCNET Group	10/17/2023
11	Pequot Realty, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023
12	1916 Post Road Associates, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023
13	SF Station Street, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023
14	Maura Garych	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023

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15	Metro Holding Company, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	8/29/2023
16	SG Pequot 200, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	8/29/2023
17	516 Paci Restaurant	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	8/29/2023
18	461 Broad Street, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	8/29/2023
19	Bridgeport 11823, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	8/29/2023
20	Stephen F. Boccarossa	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	10/17/2023
21	James Sherwood Bok	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	10/17/2023
22	Jacquelyn Thunfors	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	11/16/2023
23	Sean Cowan	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenor	11/16/2023
24	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo Mayes	Grouped LLC Intervenor	11/16/2023
25	Fairfield Station Lofts, LLC (FSL)	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Schaefer		8/29/2023
26	Town of Fairfield	Party	Herbst		8/29/2023
27	Superior Plating Company	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Hoffman		10/17/2023