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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 29, 2023

TO: Service List, dated November 28, 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. United Illuminating Company Request for Additional Witness, dated November 20, 2023

This request was withdrawn on November 27, 2023.

2. Sasco Creek Neighborhood Environmental Trust, Inc. Motion to Preclude Witness, dated November 21, 2023

UI’s withdrawal of its November 20, 2023 request for an additional witness rendered this motion moot.

3. City of Bridgeport Request for Party and CEPA Intervenor Status, dated November 22, 2023

This request was granted.

4. Sasco Creek Neighborhood Environmental Trust, Inc. Motion for Reconsideration, dated November 27, 2023

This request was denied on the bases that the Council makes the final determination as to relevance in its proceedings consistent with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act and the Council’s Rules of Practice; the proprietary and critical energy infrastructure information requested is defined by federal law, exempt from disclosure under state law, not required to be submitted into the record by any provision of the statutes and determined by the Council to be beyond what is necessary for it to render a decision on this application; and the information

requested in this proceeding was not necessary for the Council to render decisions in Docket Nos. 3B and 508.

5. Grouped LLC Intervenor Motion to Dismiss and/or Stay Proceedings, dated November 27, 2023

A ruling on this request was deferred until the other parties and intervenors to this proceeding have an opportunity to comment on the Motion in post-hearing briefs.

A party and intervenor chart for the proceeding, dated November 28, 2023, is attached for convenience.

Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing

The Council shall conclude the evidentiary hearings for the above-referenced proceeding on **Tuesday, December 12, 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 appearance of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. (BWC) for cross examination by the parties and intervenors and the Council on the **new exhibits requested by UI during the October 17, 2023 evidentiary hearing session** followed by the appearances of the other parties and intervenors for cross examination by all parties and intervenors and the Council in the following order:

1. Sasco Creek Neighborhood Environmental Trust, Inc. (SCNET) Group;
2. Grouped LLC Intervenor (LLC);
3. Fairfield Station Lofts, LLC (FSL);
4. Town of Fairfield (Town);
5. Superior Plating Company (SPC), and
6. City of Bridgeport (City).

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 28, 2023
Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 516 Continued Evidentiary Hearing Session
Party and Intervenor Chart, dated November 28, 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
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>)	12/12/2023
Close of Evidentiary Record	12/12/2023
Close of Public Comment Period	01/11/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	02/01/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	02/15/2024
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 – December 12, 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/81794545353?pwd=Bsa8lJzC3YtSj3nYkGswYjqbZoaba6.1>
from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required.
Meeting ID: 817 9454 5353 and Passcode: rV59JL
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: 817 9454 5353 and Passcode: 841636** 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 28, 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 Intervenors	8/29/2023
16	SG Pequot 200, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023
17	516 Paci Restaurant	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023
18	461 Broad Street, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023
19	Bridgeport 11823, LLC	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	8/29/2023
20	Stephen F. Boccarossa	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	10/17/2023
21	James Sherwood Bok	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	10/17/2023
22	Jacquelyn Thunfors	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	11/16/2023
23	Sean Cowan	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo	Grouped LLC Intervenors	11/16/2023
24	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Russo Mayes	Grouped LLC Intervenors	11/16/2023
25	Fairfield Station Lofts, LLC (FSL)	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Schaefer		8/29/2023
26	Town of Fairfield	Party	Ball		8/29/2023
27	Superior Plating Company	Intervenor CEPA Intervenor	Hoffman		10/17/2023
28	City of Bridgeport	Party CEPA Intervenor	Hoffman		11/28/2023