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Re: Docket No. 508 - The United Illuminating Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Condition 2 of the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council") August 18, 2022 Decision and Order regarding the Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project ("Project"), The United Illuminating Company ("UI") hereby submits to the Council for review and approval the following Development and Management Plan ("D&M Plan") which has been prepared in compliance with Sections 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Because the Project will be constructed in four segments, UI is preparing four segment-specific D&M Plans, as well as a D&M Plan volume that contains information relevant to all Project segments.

Accordingly, UI hereby submits the D&M Plan for Segment 3: Milvon Substation to Woodmont Substation in the City of Milford:

- Volume 1 describes the segment-specific Project facilities and provides information relevant to the Project work on Segment 3.
- Volume 2 consists of Segment 3 maps and drawings at a scale. UI is providing the Council with one copy of the Segment 3 maps at 22"x34".<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Plans and other information that apply to the Project as a whole (i.e., all four construction segments) were provided previously in Volume 3 of the D&M Plan for Segment 1 are incorporated by reference.

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UI expects to submit the D&M Plan for Segment 4 in second quarter 2024.

Should the Council have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Bruce L. McDermott

Enclosures

cc: Docket 508 Service List



# **DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*for the*

**MILVON TO WEST RIVER RAILROAD TRANSMISSION  
LINE 115-kV REBUILD PROJECT**  
(Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 508)

**SEGMENT 3: MILVON SUBSTATION TO WOODMONT  
SUBSTATION**

**City of Milford  
New Haven County, Connecticut**

## **VOLUME 1**

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**(Filed with the CSC on April 13, 2023 as part of the Segment 1 D&M Plan; approved by the CSC on June 8, 2023 and incorporated herein by reference)**

- ATTACHMENT A: BONNET DECOMMISSIONING PLAN
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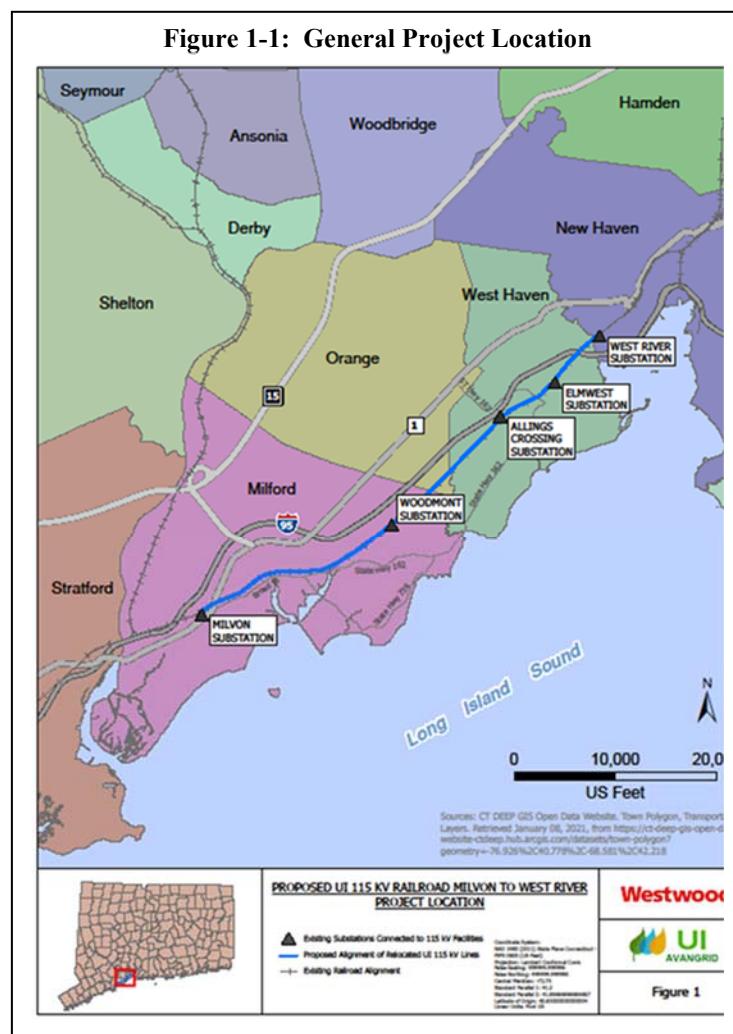
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The United Illuminating Company (UI or the Company) is rebuilding its existing single-circuit 115-kilovolt (kV) overhead lines that extend approximately 9.5 miles southwest-northeast within the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CT DOT's) Metro-North Railroad (MNR) corridor between the Company's existing Milvon Substation (located in the City of Milford) and its existing West River Substation (located in the City of New Haven), all in New Haven County, Connecticut. The existing 115-kV lines, which extend along the CT DOT corridor through the southern portions of the cities of Milford, West Haven, and New Haven and the Town of Orange, are aligned on UI-owned lattice type extensions (referred to as "bonnets") located on top of both the northern and southern railroad catenary structure support columns. The CT DOT owns the corridor within which the MNR tracks are located. Figure 1-1 illustrates the general Project location.

Referred to as the **Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project** (Project), UI will rebuild the transmission lines on new double- and single-circuit self-supporting steel monopoles, located mostly along the northern side of the railroad corridor. As part of the Project, UI also will connect the rebuilt 115-kV lines to five existing UI substations (Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest, and West River substations; all located adjacent to the CT DOT corridor); install optical ground wire (OPGW) and shield wire on the rebuilt 115-kV lines; modify or remove certain existing transmission line structures situated along both the north and south sides of the MNR tracks (all within the CT DOT corridor); and decommission and



remove the existing 115-kV facilities from 339 bonnets on top of the railroad catenary structures.

When completed, the Project will enhance the reliability and resiliency of the electric transmission grid, both in Connecticut and regionally. The rebuilt 115-kV lines will meet current National Electrical Safety Codes (NESC) and UI standards and will be designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, such as hurricane Category 3 wind loads.

On February 28, 2022, UI submitted to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC, Council) an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Project (Council Docket No. 508). After public meetings and evidentiary hearings, on August 19, 2022, the Council issued a Decision and Order approving the Project. The Decision and Order includes 11 Project-specific conditions. Condition No. 2 of the Council's Decision and Order requires that UI prepare a Development and Management (D&M) Plan (D&M Plan or Plan), in compliance with Sections 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA).<sup>1</sup> Condition No. 2 also defined 15 specific plans, procedures, and other information (Conditions 2.a - 2.o) that must be included in the Project's D&M Plan.

Taking into consideration outage constraints, the results of coordination with CT DOT, and construction sequencing, UI is constructing the Project in four separate segments between the five substations along the Project route. Table 1-1 identifies the four Project segments in the order in which each will be constructed.

**Table 1-1: Project Construction Segments**

Segment No.	Location (Substation to Substation)	Municipalities	Segment Length (Miles) <sup>2</sup>
1	Elmwest to West River	West Haven, New Haven	1.28
2	Allings Crossing to Elmwest	West Haven	1.28
<b>3</b>	<b>Milvon to Woodmont</b>	<b>Milford</b>	<b>4.05</b>
4	Woodmont to Allings Crossing	Milford, Orange, West Haven	2.91

<sup>1</sup> The overall purpose of a D&M Plan is to provide construction details (such as plans, maps, and drawings) that define the methods and procedures to be used during the construction and operation/maintenance of energy facilities, balancing the need for adequate and reliable utility service with the protection of the environment.

<sup>2</sup> The existing and rebuilt 115-kV line mileages vary slightly along Segments 1 and 2, with the rebuilt transmission facilities a little greater than the length of the existing lines atop the catenary structures due to the offset of the rebuilt transmission line structures from the MNR tracks. However, for Segment 3, the mileage of the existing and rebuilt transmission lines is approximately the same (4.05 miles). For Segment 3, the easternmost 0.03 mile of the existing 115-kV line ((Line 89005B-1) near Woodmont Substation will not be rebuilt as part of this segment's construction. Instead, that small section of the 89005B-1 Line will be rebuilt during the Segment 4 construction. The point of demarcation between Segment 3 and Segment 4 construction will be at existing structure P958S (which will be re-used as part of the Project).

Along each segment, UI will rebuild the 115-kV lines, perform minor associated modifications to the substations, place the new facilities in service, and remove the existing UI facilities from the railroad catenary structures prior to the initiation – in most cases – of extensive work activities on the next segment. Consistent with the construction of the Project in four different segments, UI has elected to prepare four separate segment-specific D&M Plans.

On April 13, 2023, UI submitted to the CSC the D&M Plan for Segment 1, consisting of a text volume and a map volume that included details regarding construction activities between Elmwest and West River substations. At the same time, UI submitted a separate volume containing plans, procedures, and information relevant to all the 115-kV line rebuild work (Volume 3, Project-wide Plans). On June 8, 2023, the CSC approved the Segment 1 D&M Plan, including the Volume 3 plans applicable to all Project work. On September 1, 2023, UI notified the CSC that Segment 1 construction would commence on or about September 18, 2023.

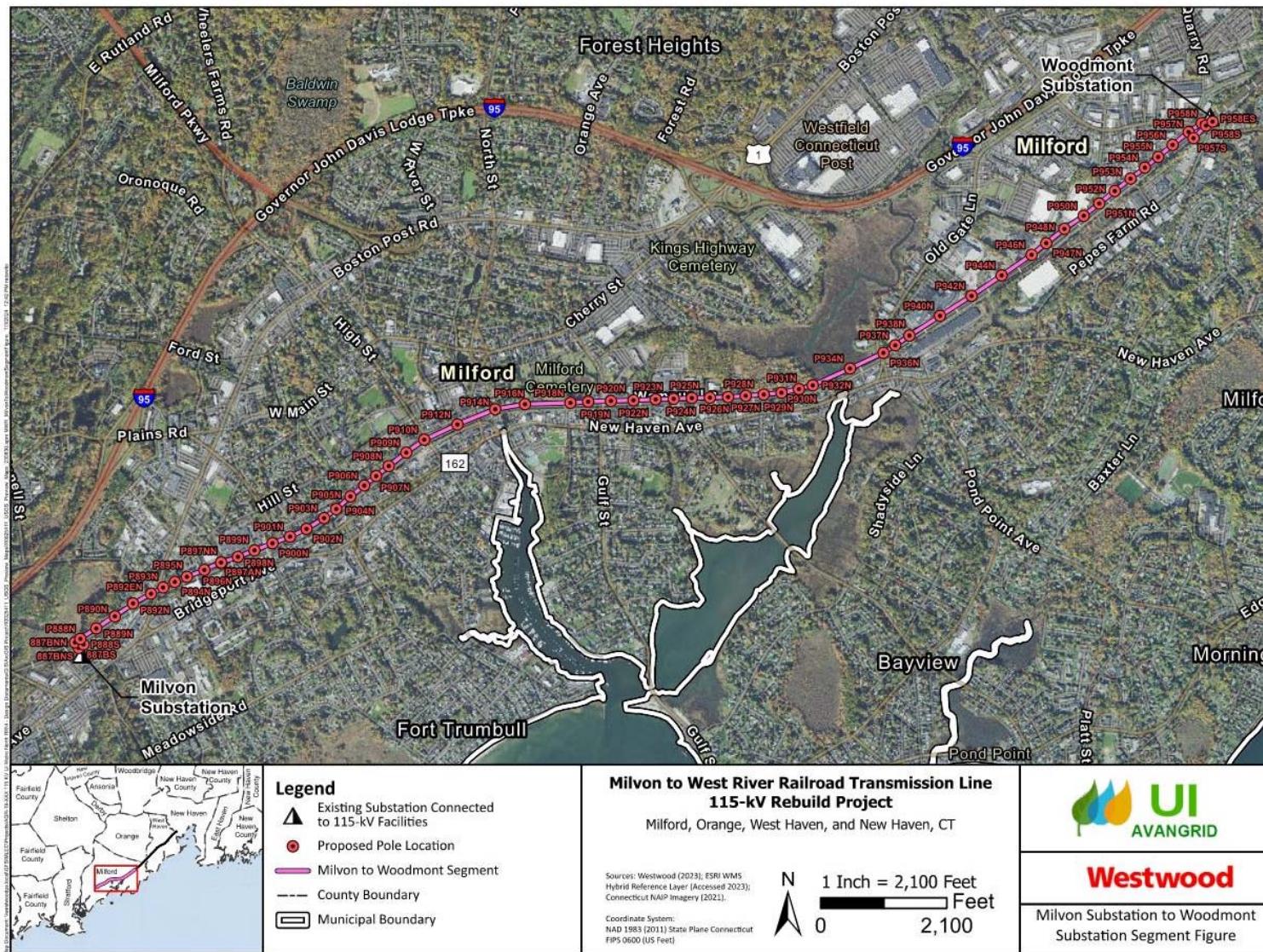
On July 7, 2023, UI submitted to the CSC the D&M Plan for Segment 2, which consisted of a text volume and a map volume that described the construction procedures specific to the transmission line rebuild work between Allings Crossing and Elmwest substations. The Segment 2 D&M Plan incorporated Volume 3 by reference. The CSC approved the Segment 2 D&M Plan on August 17, 2023.

On September 1, 2023, UI provided notice to the CSC of the start of work on two Segment 2 structures in mid-September and on December 1, 2023, the Company informed the CSC of the start of the remainder of the Segment 2 construction. Project construction on both Segments 1 and 2 is ongoing.

This D&M Plan is provided for Segment 3 of the Project: Milvon Substation to Woodmont Substation, which is located entirely in the City of Milford. Figure 1-2 illustrates the general location of Segment 3.

Segment 3 extends along the CT DOT corridor near land uses that consist primarily of residential and commercial areas. The segment also crosses the Wepawaug and Indian rivers, as well as Boston Post Road (U.S. Route 1). The Milford train station abuts the MNR tracks to the north and south between High and River streets.

Figure 1-2: Location of Segment 3



Along Segment 3, UI will rebuild approximately 4.05 miles of two 115-kV transmission lines (the 88005A-1 and 89005B-1 lines), which are presently located on the northern and southern catenary support structures, respectively, between Milvon and Woodmont substations. The existing UI facilities will be removed from the catenary structures and rebuilt on monopoles. UI also will perform modifications within the two substations, as needed to connect the rebuilt lines or the new OPGW. These modifications will be performed on UI's property at Milvon Substation, located south of and abutting the CT DOT corridor at 772 Bridgeport Avenue and at Woodmont Substation, located north of the CT DOT corridor at 324 Woodmont Road.

Only minor Project construction activities will be performed at Milvon Substation. This is because in 2015 UI rebuilt the 88005A-1 and 89005B-1 line connections to Milvon Substation with new 1590 kcmil aluminum conductor steel supported (ACSS) "Lapwing" conductor. As part of the Project, two of the three conductors on the 89005B-1 Line entering the substation will be replaced to accommodate a phase change. In addition, the Project will install new OPGW connections.

As part of the Segment 3 construction, the rebuilt Line 88005A-1 will be connected to Woodmont Substation. However, the Segment 3 construction work on Line 89005B-1 will terminate at existing Structure P958S, approximately 0.03 mile west of the Woodmont Substation. Given the existing configuration of the structures that support both the Line 89005B-1 and Line 8904B (which extends from Woodmont Substation to Allings Crossing Substation), the Line 89005B-1 connections to Woodmont Substation will be rebuilt as part of the Segment 4 construction.

This D&M Plan conforms both to Condition 2 of the Council's Decision and Order and to Sections 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the RCSA (*Requirements for a D&M Plan, Elements of a D&M Plan, Reporting Requirements*). Further, the Plan incorporates other Project-specific UI commitments contained in UI's Application to the CSC or UI's responses to the CSC during the Application review process.

The D&M Plan also reflects UI's agreement with CT DOT/MNR regarding activities within the railroad corridor, as well as commitments made in the Company's submissions to other Federal and State regulatory agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). In addition, the Plan reflects UI's standard protocols for transmission line construction, operation, and maintenance.

## 1.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE D&M PLAN

The Segment 3 D&M Plan consists of three volumes:

- **Volume 1** describes the Project facilities and provides information relevant to the Project work on Segment 3, including regulatory requirements, construction procedures, construction schedule and work hours, environmental resources and mitigation measures, and public outreach.
- **Volume 2** consists of Segment 3 maps and drawings, including cross-sections and aerial-based mapsheets (at a scale of 1"=100') showing environmental resources, land uses, and the locations of both the existing railroad catenary structures/UI infrastructure to be removed and planned transmission line monopoles. Volume 2 also includes site plans for the modifications to Milvon and Woodmont substations, maps that depict property boundaries and ownership, and a tabulation of the planned monopole types, above ground monopole heights, and foundation types (direct embed or drilled shaft).
- **Volume 3 (provided to the Council on April 13, 2023, approved by the Council on June 8, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference)** provides plans and other information (as required pursuant to Condition 2 of the CSC Decision and Order in Docket No. 508 or Sections 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the RCSA) that apply to the Project as a whole (i.e., all four construction segments). The plans and procedures included in Volume 3 are:
  - Bonnet Decommissioning Plan
  - Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
  - Vegetative Clearing Plan
  - Restoration Plan
  - Spill Prevention and Control Plan
  - Wetland Invasive Species Control Plan
  - Post-Construction EMF Monitoring Plan
  - Snow Removal and De-Icing Procedures
  - Species Protection Plan
  - On-Site Environmental Inspection and Monitoring Plan
  - Procedures for Unanticipated Cultural Resource Discoveries
  - Materials Management Plan

Volume 3 also includes information regarding the notices to be provided to the CSC, identifies key UI Project personnel, and provides a D&M Plan Directory, which includes a checklist of the information in the Project D&M Plan related to the CSC requirements.

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF SEGMENT 3 PROJECT FACILITIES

### 2.1 TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILDS

#### New Monopoles: Locations and Specifications

Along the Segment 3 portion of the Project, UI's existing 88005A-1 and 89005B-1 115-kV lines are located on bonnets on top of both the northern and southern catenary support columns, or on one of the support columns, on 76 catenary structures (from Catenary Structure B888 just east of Milvon Substation to Catenary Structure B957 west of Woodmont Substation). In addition, in certain locations along Segment 3 (such as at or near Milvon and Woodmont substations), UI's existing 115-kV lines have been removed from the catenary structures and are instead supported on a total of 10 monopoles and 1 steel W-flange structure. Of these 11 independent structures, seven are single-circuit monopoles located south of the MNR tracks, one is a steel W-flange structure located south of the MNR tracks, and three are single-circuit monopoles located north of the MNR tracks; all are on CT DOT or UI property.

UI will remove its transmission lines from the catenary structures and rebuild the two 115-kV lines on 57 new double-circuit monopoles, as well as four new single-circuit galvanized steel monopoles, three of which will be installed as part of Segment 3 construction. As part of the Segment 3 construction, one of the existing 10 monopoles will also be removed. The top portions of three of the existing monopoles will be cut off, with the bottom portions remaining in place to continue to support the MNR signal wires.

The other six existing monopoles will remain to support the rebuilt 115-kV lines. The W-flange structure, which is located on the eastern portion of UI's Woodmont Substation property, will remain in place during the Segment 3 construction to support the existing conductors and shield wire; this structure will be removed as part of the Segment 4 construction.

A total of 57 new double-circuit monopoles and one new single-circuit monopole will be located north of the MNR tracks and mostly within the CT DOT corridor (new monopoles P888N to P957N).

In addition, to connect the rebuilt 115-kV lines to the Milvon and Woodmont substations, UI will install the following monopoles as part of the Segment 3 construction:

- One single-circuit monopole (P888S) on CT DOT property south of the MNR tracks, adjacent to Milvon Substation; and
- One single-circuit monopole (P957S) on CT DOT property south of the MNR tracks and southwest of Woodmont Substation, just west of Woodmont Road.

*Note:* Two other new single-circuit monopoles (P958ES and P959WS) also will be located on CT DOT property, south of the MNR tracks, directly south of Woodmont Substation. Both of these monopoles will be installed during the construction of Segment 4, but the foundation for both structures will be installed as part of the Segment 3 construction.

Table 2-1 summarizes the monopoles to be installed on Segment 3. The Volume 2 maps illustrate the locations of the new monopoles, as well as the existing UI infrastructure to be removed or modified.

**Table 2-1: Summary of Segment 3 115-kV Transmission Line Facilities**

Structure Configuration	Number of Structures
Double-Circuit Monopoles	57 (all north of the MNR tracks)
Single-Circuit Monopoles	3 (1 north of the MNR tracks, 2 south of the MNR tracks)

The conductors on the new monopoles will be arranged vertically (refer to the cross-sections in Volume 2). In addition, the new monopole design includes braced post insulators, which will limit conductor movement and blowout. Along the CT DOT corridor, the new double-circuit and single-circuit, galvanized steel monopoles will be offset from the railroad catenary support columns based on clearances, adjacent land uses, and site topography. This offset will vary based on location, but on average is 28 feet.

Along Segment 3, the tallest monopoles (greater than 120 feet and up to 130 feet) are in the downtown Milford area between High Street and Gulf Street. These structures are designed as required to allow the rebuilt 115-kV lines to effectively span the congested built and natural environments (including the Milford Train Station, Wepawaug River, and Milford Cemetery).

Table 2-2 identifies the monopoles to be installed along Segment 3, by pole number, double- or single-circuit configuration, height, and foundation type.

**Table 2-2: Segment 3 Transmission Line Structures: Height, Configuration, and Foundation Type**

Structure No.*	Structure Configuration	Pole Length (ft)	Foundation Reveal Above Ground (ft)	Structure Height Above Ground (ft) (Pole Length Plus Foundation Reveal)	Foundation Type
<b>North Side of MNR Tracks</b>					
P888N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P889N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1	101	Concrete Drilled Pier
P890N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1	101	Concrete Drilled Pier
P892N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	90	1	91	Concrete Drilled Pier
P892EN	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	120	1	121	Concrete Drilled Pier
P893N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	120	1	121	Concrete Drilled Pier
P894N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	110	1	111	Concrete Drilled Pier
P895N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	90	2	92	Concrete Drilled Pier
P896N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	85	1	86	Concrete Drilled Pier
P897NN <sup>3</sup>	Single-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	85	1	86	Concrete Drilled Pier
P898N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	90	1	91	Concrete Drilled Pier
P899N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P900N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	105	2	107	Concrete Drilled Pier
P901N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	105	2.5	107.5	Concrete Drilled Pier
P902N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P903N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	90	1.5	91	Concrete Drilled Pier
P904N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1	101	Concrete Drilled Pier
P905N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1	101	Concrete Drilled Pier

<sup>3</sup> Monopole P897NN will support Line 88005A-1, while an existing adjacent monopole (Structure P897AN) will remain to support Line 89005B-1 (refer also to Volume 2, Mapsheet 3).

Structure No.*	Structure Configuration	Pole Length (ft)	Foundation Reveal Above Ground (ft)	Structure Height Above Ground (ft) (Pole Length Plus Foundation Reveal)	Foundation Type
P906N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	100	1	101	Concrete Drilled Pier
P907N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	105	1	106	Concrete Drilled Pier
P908N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	110	1	111	Concrete Drilled Pier
P909N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	110	1	111	Concrete Drilled Pier
P910N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	125	1.5	126.5	Concrete Drilled Pier
P912N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	130	1	131	Concrete Drilled Pier
P914N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	130	4	134	Concrete Drilled Pier
P916N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	130	1	131	Concrete Drilled Pier
P918N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	130	3	133	Concrete Drilled Pier
P919N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	125	1	126	Concrete Drilled Pier
P920N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	115	1	116	Concrete Drilled Pier
P922N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	105	1	106	Concrete Drilled Pier
P923N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1.5	96.5	Concrete Drilled Pier
P924N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	90	1	91	Concrete Drilled Pier
P925N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P926N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P927N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P928N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	2	102	Concrete Drilled Pier
P929N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1.5	101.5	Concrete Drilled Pier
P930N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1.5	101.5	Concrete Drilled Pier

Structure No.*	Structure Configuration	Pole Length (ft)	Foundation Reveal Above Ground (ft)	Structure Height Above Ground (ft) (Pole Length Plus Foundation Reveal)	Foundation Type
P931N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	2	102	Concrete Drilled Pier
P932N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	100	5	105	Concrete Drilled Pier
P934N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	115	5	120	Concrete Drilled Pier
P936N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	105	3	108	Concrete Drilled Pier
P937N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	110	1	111	Concrete Drilled Pier
P938N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	105	1	106	Concrete Drilled Pier
P940N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	130	1	131	Concrete Drilled Pier
P942N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	125	1	126	Concrete Drilled Pier
P944N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	115	1	116	Concrete Drilled Pier
P946N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	105	1	106	Concrete Drilled Pier
P947N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	105	1	106	Concrete Drilled Pier
P948N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P950N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1	101	Concrete Drilled Pier
P951N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	110	1	111	Concrete Drilled Pier
P952N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	105	1	106	Concrete Drilled Pier
P953N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	105	1.5	106.5	Concrete Drilled Pier
P954N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P955N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier
P956N	Double-Circuit Tangent W/ Braced Posts	100	1	101	Concrete Drilled Pier
P957N	Double-Circuit Deadend W/ Davit Arms	105	1	106	Concrete Drilled Pier
<b>South Side of MNR Tracks</b>					

Structure No.*	Structure Configuration	Pole Length (ft)	Foundation Reveal Above Ground (ft)	Structure Height Above Ground (ft) (Pole Length Plus Foundation Reveal)	Foundation Type
P888S	Single-Circuit Deadend	95	2.5	97.5	Concrete Drilled Pier
P957S	Single-Circuit Deadend	95	1	96	Concrete Drilled Pier

\*The new monopoles are assigned numbers (e.g., P954N) that correspond to the nearest catenary structure number. However, based on final design, some of the new monopoles are not located in line with the catenary structures but are instead spaced farther apart (with longer spans) to account for site-specific constraints (e.g., the existing built environment, wetlands, watercourses, cultural resources, challenging site topography). As a result, there are gaps in the monopole numbers (specifically, there are no monopoles numbered P891N, P911N, P913N, P915N, P917N, P921N, P933N, P935N, P939N, P941N, P943N, P945N or P949N).

### **Conductor and OPGW Specifications**

The rebuilt 115-kV lines will consist of 1590 ACSS “Lapwing” conductors and 0.583-inch 72 count fiber OPGW, which will act as the shield wire. However, the span adjacent to Woodmont Substation and associated with Line 88005A-1 will have a 7#7 Alumoweld shield wire instead of the OPGW. The new structures will be designed to support 2156 ACSS “Bluebird” conductors and to meet the clearance requirements for such conductors, should such a future conductor upgrade be required to accommodate growth or capacity needs in Connecticut or the region.

## **2.2 SUBSTATION LOCATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS**

Milvon Substation is a bulk 115-kV/13.8-kV facility situated on a 2.5-acre UI property south of and adjacent to the CT DOT corridor. Woodmont Substation, which also is a bulk 115-kV/13.8-kV facility, occupies an approximately 1.2-acre UI property north of and adjacent to the CT DOT corridor.

The existing 115-kV transmission lines connect to both substations. For the Project, UI will perform modifications as required to connect the new OPGW to Milvon Substation and will remove the existing shield wire and associated connections. At Milvon Substation, two of the three conductors associated with the 89005B-1 line will also be replaced in order to re-orient the phasing of the line.

At Woodmont Substation, UI will perform modifications as required to connect one of the rebuilt 115-kV lines (Line 88005A-1) and new shield wire to the substation and to remove the existing infrastructure connections. The existing Woodmont Substation connections associated with Line 89005B-1 will be maintained until the construction of Segment 4.

The planned Segment 3 Project work will not require any permanent expansion to the existing fenced portion of either substation.

However, to maintain the existing 115-kV line substation connections, monopoles will be installed directly outside both Milvon and Woodmont substations, as required to correctly align the phases of different circuits to the existing line terminal switches in each substation yard. Table 2-3 summarizes the types and locations of the monopoles to be installed adjacent to the two substations (refer also to Volume 2, map sheets 1 and 21):

**Table 2-3: Location of Monopoles to be Installed for Substation 115-kV Connections**

Substation	No. of Monopoles	Location (N, S of MNR Tracks)
Milvon	1 single-circuit	South
Woodmont	2 (total) 2 single-circuit (one will be installed as part of Segment 3 Construction and one will be installed as part of Segment 4 construction)	South

Hardware modifications will be required on existing structures within and just outside (three existing monopoles outside of Milvon Substation and two existing monopoles outside of Woodmont Substation) each substation to accommodate the larger 1590 kcmil conductor size and the 7#7 Alumoweld shield wire, as well as the new OPGW and the associated OPGW fiber splice boxes.

Further, at both substations, new underground fiber optic cable will be installed to connect the fiber at the OPGW splice box (either located within the substation or at a steel monopole outside, but adjacent to, the substation fence) to the substation control enclosures. Volume 2 includes schematic drawings of the planned modifications at Milvon and Woodmont substations.

### **2.3 EXISTING 115-KV LINE INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE REMOVED OR MODIFIED**

Along Segment 3, UI will remove its existing 115-kV infrastructure (bonnets, related hardware, 115-kV line conductor, OPGW or shield wire) from a total of 146 catenary support columns. In addition, certain existing steel monopoles will be removed, while others will remain or be modified. Table 2-4 summarizes the existing UI facilities to be removed or modified along Segment 3.

**Table 2-4: Segment 3: Summary of Existing 115-kV Facilities to be Removed or Modified**

Infrastructure to be Removed	Number
<b>Bonnets to be Removed from Catenary Support Structures <sup>a</sup></b>	146
<b>Monopoles to be Removed</b>	1
<b>Monopoles to be Topped and Capped with Bottom Section Remaining for MNR Use <sup>b</sup></b>	3
<b>Monopoles to be Remain <sup>c</sup></b>	6

**Notes:** (refer to the Volume 2 maps for specific structure locations)

- a) Number of catenary support columns on which the bonnets will be removed. Of these, 10 bonnets will be cut down to a shorter (2-foot) height in order to support a shield wire to protect the MNR signal and feeder wires, the ownership of these bonnets will be transferred to CT DOT.
- b) At three existing monopoles, all located south of the railroad tracks, the top sections will be removed. The bottom portion of each monopole will remain to support the attached MNR signal wires.
- c) Six existing monopoles will remain. The existing insulators and hardware supporting the existing shield wires and 115-kV conductors will be replaced with new insulators and hardware compatible with the new OPGW, 7#7 Alumoweld shield wire (where applicable), and the new 115-kV 1590 kcmil ACSS “Lapwing” conductors (where applicable). Three of the six monopoles are located outside and adjacent to Milvon Substation; of these, one is located north and two are located south of the railroad tracks. Two of the six monopoles are located outside and adjacent to Woodmont Substation, with one aligned north of the MNR tracks and one located south of the railroad tracks. The sixth monopole that will remain is located north of the railroad tracks adjacent to Catenary Structure 897 (refer to Volume 2, Mapsheet 3).

## 2.4 UI PERMANENT EASEMENTS

Along Segment 3, the rebuilt 115-kV lines will be aligned, to the extent practical, within CT DOT property.

However, in 20 locations, whereas the new monopoles will be installed on CT DOT property, UI permanent easements adjacent to the CT DOT corridor are required to provide space to maintain appropriate clearances from the 115-kV conductors, in accordance with NESC and UI standards. In addition, six new monopoles must be located outside the CT DOT corridor; in such areas, new permanent easement will be required both to install the monopole and to maintain the appropriate conductor clearances.

Along Segment 3, six new permanent access roads will be required, as summarized below:

- Access road to provide ingress/egress to monopoles P894N through P900N. Extends off Washington Street at the location of the former Dorsey Lane overpass to the CT DOT railroad corridor. (Refer to Volume 2, Mapsheets 2 through 4.)

- Access road to provide ingress/egress to monopoles P901N through P904N. Extends from Clark Street to Beardsley Avenue along the CT DOT railroad corridor. (Refer to Volume 2, Mapsheets 4 and 5.)
- Access road, extending off of Railroad Avenue, to provide ingress/egress to monopole P905N. (Refer to Volume 2, Mapsheet 5.)
- Access road to provide ingress/egress to monopoles P918N and P919N. Extends from a private property at 101 Gulf Street. (Refer to Volume 2, Mapsheet 8.)
- Access road to provide ingress/egress to monopoles P922N through P926N. Extends off Wampus Lane to the CT DOT railroad corridor. (Refer to Volume 2, Mapsheets 9 and 10.)
- Access road to provide ingress/egress to monopoles P936N through P942N. Extends off Old Gate Lane along the CT DOT railroad corridor. (Refer to Volume 2, Mapsheets 12 through 14.)

Table 2-5 identifies the locations, by monopole number, of UI's permanent easements for the rebuilt 115-kV lines, as well as the approximate acreage of new permanent ROW and access road easements. The Volume 2 aerial mapsheets illustrate the locations of the UI permanent easements.

**Table 2-5: Segment 3 Permanent Easement Locations, by Structure Number and Total Acreage**

Structures for which New Permanent Easement Required (by Total Number of Structures, Structure Number)		Approximate New Permanent UI Easement (Acres)		
Structures Located on CT DOT Property, but Requiring Easements on Adjacent Properties	Structures Outside of CT DOT Property	New Permanent ROW	Permanent Access Roads	Total
19 P888S*, P892N, P914N, P916N, P918N, P919N, P920N, P928N, P929N, P932N, P936N, P937N, P938N, P940N, P950N, P953N, P954N, P955N, and P956N	6 P934N (State of Connecticut Property), P944N, P946N, P947N, P948N, and P952N	6.59	0.81	7.4

**NOTES:**

\*Structure located on south side of CT DOT corridor.

All other structures listed will be located north of the MNR tracks, on the northern portion of the CT DOT corridor or adjacent to the CT DOT property.

### 3. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT AREAS

#### 3.1 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION, AND CONTRACTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

UI will oversee all Segment 3 Project construction, monitoring the construction contractors' work for conformance to this D&M Plan, UI specifications, and any other applicable safety, engineering, and environmental requirements. The names and contact information for the key UI personnel who will be responsible for managing the overall Project are provided in Volume 3 of this D&M Plan (refer to Attachment N).

Volume 3 also details UI's procedures for monitoring the Segment 3 construction with respect to the D&M Plan and general environmental compliance. As described in the *On-Site Environmental Inspection and Monitoring Plan* (refer to Volume 3, Attachment J), UI will assign an environmental inspector to monitor the Segment 3 construction, as well as a Protected Species Specialist(s),<sup>4</sup> who will be on-site as needed to train UI field personnel and the construction contractor's crews in implementing measures to protect State and Federal listed species in the Project area. (Refer to Volume 3, Attachment I for UI's *Species Protection Plan* for the Project.)

For Segment 3, information regarding the prime construction contractor, the contractor's spill response firm, and the local emergency community coordinator is provided below:

<b>Prime Construction Contractor:</b>	McPhee Electric, Ltd 505 Main Street Farmington, CT 06032	Project Manager: Aaron Davis 860-677-9797 <a href="mailto:Adavis@phalconusa.com">Adavis@phalconusa.com</a>
<b>Spill Response Contractor: (via McPhee)</b>	McVac Environmental Services, Inc. 481 Grand Avenue New Haven, CT 06513	203-498-1427
<b>City of Milford Emergency Management Services</b>	72 New Haven Avenue Milford, CT 06460	Provided by the City of Milford Fire Department Batallion Chief Rabel 203-874-6321 <a href="mailto:dedo@milfordct.gov">dedo@milfordct.gov</a>

<sup>4</sup> A Protected Species Specialist refers to an expert in the study of a particular State or Federal listed species that has been identified as potentially inhabiting portions of the Project area. For example, as part of the pre-construction planning for the Segment 3 work, UI retained a herpetologist to provide assistance in developing measures to avoid or mitigate potential impacts to certain species. UI anticipates that experts in other types of listed species may also be retained, as needed.

### **3.2 CONTRACTOR YARDS AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREAS**

To support the Segment 3 Project construction, a contractor yard / staging area will be required for material laydown and staging, parking for personal vehicles and contractor equipment, construction office trailers, and the temporary storage of the components of the existing 115-kV infrastructure that will be removed.

UI's primary contractor for Segment 3 is responsible for identifying and establishing this contractor yard / staging area. The contractor's main yard/laydown area is located at 51 Carlson Road in the Town of Orange, with another yard at 3191 Broadbridge Avenue in the Town of Stratford.

On September 8 and 25, 2023, UI submitted to the Council information about the location of these yards, as well as erosion and sedimentation control measures to be used at the yards. On September 25, 2023, the Council staff approved the yard locations.

In addition, UI will use portions of the Milvon and Woodmont substation properties to support the construction activities required to modify each facility to accommodate the rebuilt 115-kV lines and remove the existing 115-kV line infrastructure. Adjacent to Elmwest Substation in West Haven, UI will also use its approximately 1.6-acre property at 680 Campbell Avenue for laydown and staging; this laydown/staging area is illustrated on Mapsheet 6 in Volume 2 of the Segment 2 D&M Plan.

In general, the Segment 3 Project contractor yard / staging areas are expected to be used to:

- Store Project construction materials, equipment, tools, fuel, and supplies (including conductors, insulators, hardware, poles and construction mats);
- Park construction vehicles and equipment, as well as the personal vehicles of construction personnel;
- Perform minor maintenance on construction equipment;
- Store and assemble transmission line structure components;
- If necessary, stage fractionization (frac) tanks for water storage or treatment prior to off-site discharge or disposal.
- Store temporarily the old transmission line components removed during the work (old structures, conductor, hardware and insulators) prior to off-site removal and/or disposal; and
- Refuel, if necessary, construction vehicles and equipment.

In addition, temporary office trailer(s), CONEX storage boxes, a generator (if necessary to provide power for on-site activities), and portable restrooms will be established at the contractor yard/staging area. As appropriate, erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed at the contractor yard/staging area; these controls will be maintained until the contractor completes the Project work and demobilizes from the yard.

## 4. TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

UI will construct, operate, and maintain the rebuilt 115-kV transmission lines along Segment 3 in full compliance with the D&M Plan, the NESC, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI); good utility practice; and UI's technical specifications, final Project engineering plans, and the conditions of State and Federal regulatory approvals obtained for the Project. In addition, the Segment 3 Project facilities will be constructed in accordance with the terms of UI's agreement with CT DOT, which specifies certain non-standard construction methods and schedules as needed to avoid or minimize conflicts with rail operations.

This section identifies the standard construction procedures that will apply to the Segment 3 work (Section 4.1) and then describes the special procedures that will be used to avoid or minimize impacts to environmental resources. In addition, UI's Project-wide plans, as detailed in Volume 3,<sup>5</sup> will apply to the Segment 3 work.

### 4.1 STANDARD CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

#### 4.1.1 General Construction Sequence: Overview

As summarized in Table 4-1, UI will rebuild the Segment 3 transmission facilities in several stages, using specialized construction crews and involving multiple tasks with some overlapping in time.

#### 4.1.2 Boundary Marking

Prior to the commencement of construction on Segment 3, UI survey crews and environmental resource experts will mark (or remark) the boundaries of resource areas along the CT DOT corridor and UI easements. The boundary markings will consist of colored flagging, exclusion fencing, stakes, or equivalent. The purpose of the markings will be to clearly demarcate sensitive environmental resource areas (including wetlands and watercourses), as well as the areas where vegetation is to be removed. In addition, UI survey crews also will survey and stake the locations of access roads, work pads, and new monopoles.

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<sup>5</sup> The Volume 3 plans applicable to Segment 3 construction include the Bonnet Decommissioning Plan (Attachment A), Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (Attachment B), Vegetative Clearing Plan (Attachment C), Restoration Plan (Attachment D), Spill Prevention and Control Plan (Attachment E), Wetland Invasive Species Control Plan (Attachment F), Snow Removal and De-icing Procedures (Attachment H), Species Protection Plan (Attachment I); On-Site Environmental Inspection and Monitoring Plan (Attachment J); Procedures for Unanticipated Cultural Resources Discoveries (Attachment K), and Materials Management Plan (Attachment L). No blasting will be required for the Segment 3 construction; hence, no blasting plan (per Condition 2.m of the CSC's Decision and Order in Docket No. 508) is required.

**Table 4-1: General Project Construction Sequence<sup>6</sup>**

TYPICAL PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey and stake construction work areas, including edge of CT DOT property and UI easement (where different) and proposed structure locations</li> <li>• Confirm and re-flag environmental resource areas (e.g., wetland and watercourse boundaries) or other sensitive areas to be avoided</li> <li>• Mark vegetation clearing limits</li> <li>• Locate and mark utilities</li> </ul>
TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish laydown/material staging area(s) / contractor yard(s) to support the construction effort</li> <li>• Establish temporary erosion and sedimentation controls and exclusionary fencing as needed</li> <li>• Remove or mow vegetation, where necessary</li> <li>• Install temporary matting or temporary gravel with geotextile fabric underneath per the Volume 2 maps; temporary gravel will not be used within wetlands, or sensitive natural resource areas</li> <li>• Install temporary matting in wetlands per the Volume 2 maps; install temporary bridges to traverse small watercourses</li> <li>• Establish or upgrade access roads to new monopole sites</li> <li>• Create a level work pad at each monopole site, as well as at conductor pulling sites and, if necessary, at guard structure sites</li> <li>• Install new structure foundations and assemble/erect new structures</li> <li>• Remove the existing 115-kV line facilities from the north side catenary structures (i.e., existing shield wire, conductors, hardware, steel bonnets). For three spans on the north side of the railroad tracks near both the Boston Post Road and at Clark Street, the existing UI shield wire may be lowered for MNR to continue to use as their own shield wire, or the UI shield wire will be removed and a new shield wire will be installed for MNR's use.</li> <li>• Install conductors, shield wire, and OPGW</li> <li>• Install OPGW into Milvon Substation.</li> <li>• Install rebuilt 115-kV line connection for Line 88005A-1 at Woodmont Substation. The rebuilt portion of 115-kV Line 89005B-1 will temporarily stop at P958S, connecting to the existing connection into Woodmont Substation, until the construction of Segment 4.</li> <li>• Place the rebuilt 115-kV lines in service. Line 88005A-1 will be energized first, followed by Line 89005B-1 a few weeks thereafter.</li> <li>• Remove the existing 115-kV line facilities from the south side catenary structures (i.e., existing shield wires, conductors, hardware, steel bonnets). The steel monopole (P930AS) that is no longer required on the south side of the railroad tracks will also be removed. At this time, the top section of existing structures P898AS, P911AS, and P912AS will also be removed. These activities will include</li> </ul>

<sup>6</sup> The sequence of some Project construction activities may vary.

TYPICAL PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
establishing temporary construction access to and work pads at the locations of the facilities to be removed. Existing access, upgrades to existing access, or new access roads will be required.
TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES (continued)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For three spans on the south side of the railroad tracks near both the Boston Post Road and at Clark Street, the existing UI shield wire may be lowered for MNR to continue to use as their own shield wire or the UI shield wire will be removed and a new shield wire will be installed for MNR's use.</li> <li>Remove temporary construction access and work pads, along with associated matting, gravel and bridges.</li> <li>Perform final clean-up and restore/stabilize areas affected by construction to approximate pre-construction conditions (e.g., by seeding and re-vegetating as needed).</li> <li>Maintain erosion and sedimentation controls until areas affected by construction are stabilized.</li> </ul>

#### 4.1.3 Vegetation Removal and Erosion/Sedimentation Controls

##### Vegetation Removal

The existing vegetation that must be removed along Segment 3 consists of a mix of tall shrubs and mature trees,<sup>7</sup> along with low-growing herbaceous species. Along Segment 3, approximately 11.67 acres of trees will be removed for Project construction. Of these 11.67 acres, after the completion of Project construction, UI will manage the approximately 8.76 acres within the 115-kV conductor clearance zones (i.e., on CT DOT property or on new UI permanent easement areas) to promote low-growing vegetative species that are compatible with the operation of the overhead transmission lines. The remaining 2.91 acres will be allowed to revegetate to pre-Project conditions. The Volume 2 maps illustrate the areas where mature trees must be removed for Project construction along Segment 3.

Along Segment 3, existing vegetation will be removed from construction sites (including access roads and work pads) and as required both to provide access for construction equipment and to maintain clearance from the rebuilt 115-kV line conductors. As a result, vegetation clearing will be required along portions of both the north and south sides of the railroad corridor. UI's *Vegetative Clearing Plan* is provided in Volume 3, Attachment C. The procedures identified in this plan pertain to all vegetation clearing required for Segment 3.

In certain areas, "danger trees" or "hazard trees", which are trees deemed a potential risk to the overhead 115-kV lines, also may need to be trimmed or removed. Such danger or hazard trees, which could be situated on private property, would typically be identified after the rebuilt lines are installed. If danger or

<sup>7</sup> Mature trees are defined herein to consist of tall-growing vegetation typically greater than 6 inches diameter breast height (dbh).

hazard tree trimming or removal is required, UI will coordinate as necessary with the affected property owner.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control**

UI's *Erosion and Sediment Control Plan* for the Project, which will be applied to all work on Segment 3, is presented in Volume 3, Attachment B. Temporary erosion and sedimentation controls (such as silt fence, straw bales, wattles, filter (silt) socks, etc.) will typically be installed where needed after initial vegetation removal and in advance of earth disturbance activities, such as grubbing, stump removal, and the establishment of access roads / work pads in or near water resources or near steep slopes.

All erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained in accordance with Project-specific and Connecticut requirements. These include the Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (2023); the Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual (2023);<sup>8</sup> the CT DEEP General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities (General Permit); and the Stormwater Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP) that UI developed for the Project, pursuant to the General Permit.

Erosion and sedimentation controls will be inspected and repaired or replaced as necessary until the areas affected by the Project are stabilized. Temporary erosion and sedimentation controls (e.g., silt fence, stakes) that are not biodegradable will be removed after Project work sites are deemed to be stabilized. UI will submit a Notice of Termination, per the General Permit, to CT DEEP, once final stabilization has been achieved for at least one full growing season (April through October) or two consecutive seeding seasons (April 1 through June 15 and August 15 through October 1) in all Project segments. (Refer to Volume 3, Attachment J for UI's *On-Site Environmental Inspection and Monitoring Plan* for the Project.)

#### **4.1.4 Access Roads and Work Pads**

##### **Access Roads**

To access the Segment 3 work sites, UI will use a combination of public roads and proposed or existing access roads within or adjacent to the CT DOT railroad corridor. During Project construction, temporary access roads will be established both north and south of the MNR tracks in order to safely install the

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<sup>8</sup> On September 30, 2023, the CT DEEP published updated versions of both the 2002 Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and the 2004 Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual. The 2023 versions of both documents take effect on March 30, 2024. UI's Segment 3 construction will conform to the 2023 Guidelines and the 2023 Stormwater Quality Manual.

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/water/water\\_quality\\_management/Guidance/SESCG\\_CleanFinal.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/water/water_quality_management/Guidance/SESCG_CleanFinal.pdf)

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/water/water\\_quality\\_management/Guidance/SWM\\_Clean\\_Final.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/water/water_quality_management/Guidance/SWM_Clean_Final.pdf)

rebuilt 115-kV transmission line facilities and to remove the existing UI infrastructure from the railroad catenary support columns or to remove/modify existing monopoles. Six new permanent access roads will be required along Segment 3.<sup>9</sup> The Volume 2 maps identify the Project access roads.

The access roads that will be used for Segment 3 construction will extend across pavement (e.g., parking lots), graveled areas, other uplands, and wetlands. With the exception of access roads that extend across paved areas and certain locations where existing graveled roads will be improved, the construction contractor will install timber mats (or equivalent) or, with UI's approval, place temporary gravel on top of geotextile fabric for temporary access roads.

Typically, the temporary access roads that UI will establish for the Project construction will be approximately 16 feet wide. However, in some areas, the access roads will be wider to accommodate equipment turning and passing or to account for safety and the existing terrain. Existing paved access is not expected to require significant upgrades. However, UI will improve existing gravel roads as necessary to support Project construction equipment; the gravel road improvements will typically be limited to a 16-foot-wide area.

Permanent access roads will consist of uncompacted free draining aggregate and geotextile fabric overlain on the existing subgrade. Permanent access roads typically will be 12 to 16 feet wide to minimize resource impacts while providing safe ingress/egress for maintenance purposes. One permanent access road will be constructed within a FEMA designated floodplain (i.e., the 100-year floodplain associated with the Indian River; refer also to Section 4.2.4). For this permanent access road, the final gravel surfacing will match the existing grade so that watershed flood storage capacity will not be impacted.

To minimize or avoid the potential for soil to be tracked from Project work sites onto public roads, rock “aprons,” also known as track pads, or equivalent stabilization will be established at the entrances and exits to work sites from public roads.

### **Work Pads**

Construction work pads will be required to install the new monopoles, as well as to remove the existing 115-kV facilities from the north and south catenary support structures and the existing monopoles that will no longer be needed. These work pads, which will consist of gravel or timber construction mats (or

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<sup>9</sup> The locations of the permanent access roads are described in Sections 2.1 and 2.3 (refer also to the Volume 2 mapsheets).

equivalent), will be used to provide a safe, level base for construction equipment as well as to temporarily stage the materials used to install foundations and assemble the new monopoles or the materials removed from the CT DOT catenary structures. In addition, pulling pads will be required for conductor and OPGW installation.

The dimensions of each work pad will vary based on location, the type of work that must be staged from the work pad, and the space available within or adjacent to the CT DOT railroad corridor. The Volume 2 maps illustrate the proposed locations of the Segment 3 work pads, sizes, and shapes. Based on field and safety conditions, the actual configuration/shape of a work pad may change slightly.

In general, the typical work pad for installing a new monopole will be approximately 40 feet by 100 feet. In most areas, minimal grading is expected to be required to establish work pads.

Pads for conductor pulling will also be required at various locations along the 115-kV line route. These pull pads are expected to be approximately 40 feet by 300 feet.

In addition, temporary work pads will be required at the catenary structures on both sides of the CT DOT railroad corridor where UI's existing 115-kV facilities will be removed. On the north side of the MNR tracks, the same work pads used to install the new monopoles will, to the extent practical, also be used to stage the work required to remove the UI infrastructure from the northern catenary support columns. On the south side of the MNR tracks, work pads of approximately 40 feet by 60 feet will typically be required to remove the UI infrastructure from the southern catenary support columns. UI's *Bonnet Removal Plan* (refer to Volume 3, Attachment A) provides additional details regarding the bonnet removal process.

#### **4.1.5 Foundation and Structure Installation**

##### **Foundation Installation**

The new monopoles will be installed on drilled pier foundations. Along Segment 3, these foundations will range from 14 to 55 feet in depth, with the exact depth of the foundations depending on subsurface conditions, such as soil characteristics, depth to bedrock, and the type of structure. Spoils and liquids generated from the drilling process will be managed pursuant to the Project's *Materials Management Plan* (refer to Volume 3, Attachment L).

Auger drilling will be used to perform the excavations for the drilled pier foundations. The size of each excavation typically will be 6-9 feet in diameter. Temporary or permanent vibratory casings (or equivalent)

or a slurry, may be used to provide soil support as needed to complete the excavation work and place concrete. The temporary casing may be removed from the pier foundations as concrete is placed or soon thereafter. For the installation of the new foundations within the CT DOT corridor, UI will coordinate with CT DOT/MNR to determine appropriate drilling methods to avoid any potential for impacts to the rail bed.

In locations where groundwater inflow is considered excessive and cannot be controlled via typical dewatering processes, concrete may be placed via a slurry displacement (tremie) method if approved by UI.

Once the foundation excavation is complete, steel reinforcing bars and an anchor bolt cage will be placed in the excavation and encased in concrete. The concrete will be conveyed from the mixer to the place of the final deposit by methods that will prevent the separation or loss of material. Any water displaced during the concrete pour will be managed according to the *Materials Management Plan*. Anticipated concrete washout areas at work sites are illustrated on the Volume 2 maps (refer also to Section 4.2.10).

Field tests of the concrete will be conducted regularly. In general, as an indication of other physical properties, the quality of the concrete being produced will be judged by the compressive strength developed within a given period.

### **Structure Assembly and Installation**

After a structure foundation is in place and the concrete is cured, the steel transmission monopole will be assembled and erected. Structure components will be delivered to work pads and then assembled on site. Structures typically will not be erected on the concrete piers for a minimum of 28 calendar days after the concrete has been poured and until the compressive strength of the concrete has reached 4,500 pounds per square inch (psi). However, in certain locations, the structures can be installed prior to the 28-day typical minimum cure time, if the compressive strength of concrete has reached 4,500 psi.

The galvanized steel monopole structures will be either assembled on the ground and erected as a complete unit or assembled in pieces with a crane. Once a structure is erected and framed with the support insulators and hardware, it will be ready for the installation of the overhead lines. Conductor pulling blocks, which are a required tool to install the new OPGW, shield wires, and conductor, will also typically be installed at this time.

### **Structure Grounding**

Each transmission line structure will be grounded prior to being energized to provide a path for the energy from lightning discharges to enter the earth and safely dissipate. The foundation of each transmission line structure will provide some natural grounding through contact with the surrounding earth. However, to provide further protection, a minimum of two ground rods, and associated ground conductor, will be buried adjacent to each foundation. Typically, the ground rods will be installed after the completion of the foundation and before the installation of the structure. The need for and location of additional ground rods will be determined by the construction contractor.

In locations where the MNR signal and feeder wires will be underbuilt on the steel monopoles, a copper wire will be installed underground between the ground system of the monopole and the ground system of the nearest existing catenary structure.

#### **4.1.6 Conductor and OPGW Installation**

The installation of the overhead line conductors and OPGW will require the use of pulling and tensioning equipment, as well as reels of conductor, which will be positioned at temporary pulling work pads along the transmission line route. Helicopters may be used to install pulling ropes at the commencement of the conductor/OPGW pulling process.

To maintain clearance at road crossings during conductor and OPGW installation, temporary guard structures or boom trucks will be positioned adjacent to the crossings. The proposed locations of temporary pulling work pad and guard structure pads are illustrated on the Volume 2 maps.

The conductors will be pulled under tension to avoid contacting the ground and other objects. The remaining insulators and hardware will then be installed at strain and dead-end structures. Finally, the conductors and shield wires will be pulled to their design tensions and attached to the hardware. Linemen in bucket trucks will perform this operation.

#### **4.1.7 Decommissioning and Removing Existing 115-kV Facilities**

The existing UI facilities along Segment 3 to be removed from the railroad catenary structures or otherwise modified are listed in Table 2-4 and illustrated on the Volume 2 maps. UI's *Bonnet Decommissioning Plan*, included as Attachment A in Volume 3, describes the procedures that will be used to remove the existing UI infrastructure.

#### 4.1.8 Cleanup and Restoration

Cleanup and restoration activities will include the removal from Project areas of construction debris, signs, flagging, and fencing, as well as temporary (i.e., timber mat or equivalent) work pads and access roads. Areas affected by Segment 3 construction will be restored and stabilized (e.g., seeded, graveled, repaved as necessary), in accordance with UI's *Project Restoration Plan* (refer to Volume 3, Attachment D) and the Project SWPCP.

To promote revegetation in undeveloped (i.e., not paved or graveled) upland areas affected by construction within the CT DOT corridor or on private properties, UI will apply a seed mix of low-growing species or, in some cases, a seed mix to promote pollinator habitat. The areas to be revegetated with a pollinator seed mix will not be located in the vicinity of the MNR catenary foundations and must be approved by UI, CT DOT or the affected property owner.

All temporary work pads and access roads will be removed from tidal and inland wetlands. Timber mat bridges (or equivalent) used to provide temporary construction access across small streams will similarly be removed.

Wetland areas affected by construction will be either allowed to revegetate naturally or reseeded with an appropriate wetland seed mix in accordance with applicable permits and Project plans. In areas within the conductor clearance zones, wetland vegetation will be managed to promote low-growing wetland species consistent with the operation of the overhead 115-kV lines.

Materials used to construct most work pads and all temporary access roads in upland areas also will be removed, unless otherwise specified by the landowner. Such materials will either be properly managed or otherwise re-purposed. In some areas, permanent gravel work pads and access roads will remain, for UI's use during transmission line maintenance.

In areas subject to erosion, temporary erosion and sedimentation controls will remain in place until permanent stabilization is achieved, pursuant to the requirements of the CT DEEP General Permit and the Project-specific SWPCP. The materials from the existing 115-kV facilities that will be dismantled and removed may be temporarily stockpiled at Project staging areas. Ultimately, these materials will be recycled or disposed of properly in accordance with UI's *Materials Management Plan*.

#### 4.1.9 Commissioning

UI will energize the rebuilt 115-kV transmission lines and substation modifications in accordance with standard Company procedures. The schedule for energizing the Segment 3 rebuilt lines is included in Section 6.

### 4.2 RESOURCE-SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

This section provides resource-specific protocols and procedures applicable to the Segment 3 construction, referencing or augmenting the Project-wide plans and procedures included in Volume 3.

#### 4.2.1 Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Stormwater Management

The Segment 3 construction is expected to result in minimal temporary soil disturbance, mostly associated with the establishment of access roads, work pads, pull pads, and structure foundation drilling (refer to the Volume 2 maps). As described in the Project *Erosion and Sediment Control Plan*, UI will install and maintain erosion and sedimentation control measures during construction to avoid or minimize the potential for surface water runoff, erosion, and sedimentation to occur outside of the work limits. These measures will conform to the Project-specific SWPCP. Erosion and sediment controls will be monitored and inspected in accordance with the procedures described in UI's *On-Site Environmental Inspection and Monitoring Plan*.

#### 4.2.2 Groundwater and Materials Management

Materials such as soil and groundwater encountered during the Segment 3 construction process will be managed and, as necessary, disposed of in accordance with the procedures described in the Project *Materials Management Plan*, which conforms to Connecticut's Solid Waste Management guidelines. UI will manage any soil to be reused in accordance with the Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulations (RSRs) or other applicable guidelines.

Most soil will be directly loaded into the appropriate transportation means, however in cases where topsoil or spoil (if any) needs to be temporarily stockpiled at work sites, these materials will be contained within appropriate erosion and sediment controls (e.g., straw bales, silt fence) and may be covered with poly/plastic, pending off-site management. In areas where the characterization studies indicate that topsoil or spoil materials may be re-spread over work sites as part of restoration, stockpiles will be protected with temporary erosion and sediment controls and as appropriate, reseeded for temporary stabilization pursuant to the Project SWPCP.

Groundwater encountered during the construction of the rebuilt 115-kV lines will be managed in accordance with the procedures defined in the Project SWPCP and *Materials Management Plan*. The management of groundwater dewatered during the Project typically may include but will not be limited to the use of vacuum trucks and off-site management at an approved facility; temporary storage at Project work sites in fractionization (frac) tanks prior to off-site disposal; discharge to an upland area via applicably sized filter bag; and/or discharge to sanitary sewers and/or surface waters, with treatment if required.

All dewatering activities will be conducted in accordance with applicable permitting requirements.

#### **4.2.3 Water Resources (Watercourses and Wetlands)**

The Segment 3 construction will be conducted predominantly in upland areas along and near the CT DOT corridor in Milford. However, portions of the Segment 3 rebuild work will extend near wetlands associated with Beaver Brook near Milvon Substation; will span the tidal Wepawaug River and Indian River; and will traverse both inland and tidal wetlands. None of the new monopoles will be located in watercourses or tidal wetlands. However, two monopoles will be located in one of the inland wetlands (M-W9). In addition, tree clearing and matted construction work pads will impact three tidal wetlands (M-TW1, M-TW2 and M-TW3), all of which are located adjacent to Indian River (refer to Volume 2, Mapsheets 11 and 12).

Although the existing 115-kV lines span the Wepawaug River and Indian River, as will the rebuilt lines, no work will be required in either watercourse.

Overall, Segment 3 construction activities will affect the following water resources:

- Work pads and access roads will be installed to temporarily span three watercourses, M-WC2, M-WC4, and M-WC5.
- Five inland wetlands (M-W2, M-W4, M-W6, M-W8, and M-W9) will be affected due to vegetation removal or the installation of temporary access roads and work pads. All five wetlands have been historically affected by various development activities and all besides M-W2 are presently characterized by widespread invasive wetland species (e.g., *Phragmites australis*, Common Reed; *Rosa multiflora*, Multiflora rose; *Lonicera japonica*, Japanese honeysuckle).
- Three tidal wetlands (M-TW1, M-TW2 and M-TW3) will be affected due to vegetation removal or the installation of temporary access roads and work pads. Tidal wetland M-TW1 is situated west of the Indian River, while tidal wetlands M-TW2 and M-TW3 are both located east of and adjacent to Indian River (refer to Volume 2, Mapsheets 11 and 12). Within portions of tidal wetland M-TW1, vegetation will be removed as needed to provide required conductor clearances. For the Segment 3 construction, vegetation also will be removed within tidal wetland M-TW2; however, after the completion of construction, vegetation within this tidal wetland will be allowed to

regenerate. Vegetation removal also will be required within portions of tidal wetland M-W3, where temporary matting will be required for the installation of structure P934N (although the structure will be in an upland area).

The Volume 2 maps illustrate the locations of these watercourses and wetlands in relation to Project construction areas. Tables 4-2 and 4-3 summarize the impacts associated with the Project work activities in watercourses and wetlands, respectively.<sup>10</sup>

**Table 4-2: Summary of Segment 3 Impacts to Watercourses**

Volume 2 Mapsheet No.	Watercourse No. & Flow Type Intermittent (I) or Perennial (P)	Estimated Project Impact, by Type (Acres)		
		Temporary Impacts		Permanent Access Road Impacts
		Access Roads	Work Pads	
<b>City of Milford</b>				
2	M-WC2 (I)	0.02	0.03	-
18	M-WC4 (I)	0.01	0.02	-
19	M-WC5 (P)	0.01	-	-
	<b>Total Impacts</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4-3: Summary of Segment 3 Impacts to Wetlands**

Volume 2 Mapsheet No.	Wetland No.	Estimated Project Impact, by Type (Acres)			
		Temporary Impacts		Permanent Impacts	Permanent Change to Wetland Vegetation Type*
		Access Roads	Work Pads		
<b>City of Milford</b>					
1	Wetland M-W2	-	0.11	-	-
8	Wetland M-W4	-	0.08	-	0.08
11	Wetland M-W6	-	0.28	-	0.38
11	Tidal Wetland M-TW1	-	-	-	0.01
11-12	Tidal Wetland M-TW2	-	-	-	-
11-12	Tidal Wetland M-TW3	0.13	0.10	-	0.13
17-18	Wetland M-W8	0.57	0.38	-	-
17	Wetland M-W9	0.16	0.26	0.002 (pole foundations)	0.19
<b>Subtotal Wetland Impacts</b>		<b>0.86</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.79</b>

\*Refers to long-term change in wetland vegetation type (e.g., forested to shrub-scrub), but not a net reduction in wetland function or size.

<sup>10</sup> The impacts identified in Tables 4-2 and 4-3 are based on final construction plans for Segment 3.

During Project construction, UI will implement measures to protect wetlands. Accordingly, UI will install erosion and sediment controls, implement wetland invasive species control procedures, and perform environmental inspections, pursuant to the Project SWPCP, the General Permit, and the Project's *On-Site Environmental Inspection and Monitoring Plan* (refer to Volume 3, Attachment J). To minimize impacts to wetlands during the Project work, UI will:

- Require Project construction contractors to perform work in water resource areas in conformance to the requirements of the Project's USACE permit (File Number NAE-2022-02526), the CT DEEP permits (202210703-COP and GSN003935), and the Council's conditions concerning construction activities in water resource area(s).
- Install appropriate erosion controls as needed to prevent or minimize the potential for sedimentation into wetlands and watercourses. Use straw bales instead of hay bales to prevent the spread of non-wetland plant seeds.
- Implement procedures for petroleum product management to avoid or minimize the potential for spills into wetlands and watercourses (e.g., to the extent possible, store petroleum products in uplands more than 50 feet from wetlands and watercourses, refuel construction equipment, except for equipment that cannot be practically moved, in upland areas only).
- Cut forested wetland vegetation without removing stumps.
- Install timber construction mats (or equivalent) for access and work pads in wetlands.
- Stabilize affected wetland areas with temporary seeding or an appropriate wetland seed mix. Do not apply woodchip mulch and fertilizer within wetlands. Use straw as mulch for stabilization near wetlands, as necessary.

After the rebuilt lines are installed and the existing 115-kV facilities are removed from the railroad catenary structures, all temporary timber mats will be removed from wetlands, which then will be restored to pre-construction conditions to the extent practical.

#### 4.2.4 Floodplains

Segment 3 will extend across portions of the 100- and 500-year floodplains, as identified by FEMA, associated with Beaver Brook, the Wepawaug River, and the Indian River.

As summarized in Table 4-4, one new monopole will be unavoidably located within the 100-year floodplain associated with the Indian River. The foundation of this monopole will have a total above-grade impact volume of approximately 10 cubic yards. The alignment of the new monopole within the floodplain cannot be avoided. However, the loss of flood storage capacity in the floodplain due to the installation of the monopole will be negligible, compared to the total flood storage capacity of the Indian River drainage basin.

**Table 4-4: Monopole and Permanent Access Road within FEMA-Designated 100-Year Flood Zones: Segment 3**

Volume 2 Mapsheet No	Floodplain	Proposed Structure Number	Within 100-year or 500-year Flood Zone	Monopole Foundations: Estimated Impact Area and Volume (SF / CY)	Permanent Access Roads: Estimated Impact Area (SF)
<b>Milford</b>					
12	Indian River	P934N	100-year	39 / 10	-
12	Indian River	P936N	100-year	-	1,568

As summarized in Table 4-4, only one permanent access road, also located in the Indian River floodplain, will be required. This permanent access road will be constructed at grade to avoid any adverse effects on flood storage capacity. No Project facilities will be permanently located in 500-year FEMA floodplains.

As a result, the Segment 3 construction will not adversely affect flood dynamics and will not alter the floodplain or chances for flooding. UI will coordinate as necessary with CT DEEP regarding any further analyses of the Project's potential effects on floodplains, as well as the need for mitigation (if any) to compensate for the small amount of flood storage capacity impact in the affected floodplain.

#### 4.2.5 Protection Measures for Listed Species

To assess the potential for Federal or State listed species to inhabit the Project area, UI coordinated with the CT DEEP and the USFWS and received CT DEEP Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) Determinations (No. 202073487 and No. 202209567), as well as an Official Species List Project Code (2023-0000170) from the USFWS. UI will continue to consult with the CT DEEP, USFWS, and protected species specialists (i.e., experts in the study of a particular listed species) as necessary during Project construction.

To assure that construction contractors and other Project personnel are fully aware of the requirements for avoiding or minimizing potential impacts to listed species, UI prepared and will distribute a *Species Protection Plan* (SPP) to all Project field personnel. The SPP, which is included as Attachment I in Volume 3, is applicable to all Project construction activities in listed species areas. The SPP provides resources for identifying each sensitive species and describes the measures to be implemented during Project construction to protect each species. In addition to the SPP, UI will retain a Protected Species Specialist(s) to work with the Project's environmental inspector(s) and to provide contractor training regarding the listed species and the SPP (refer to Volume 3, Attachment J for additional information regarding environmental monitoring).

Segment 3 encompasses areas of potential habitat for certain species identified in the SPP and listed by CT DEEP or the USFWS as endangered, of Special Concern, or Monitored. The characteristics and habitat preferences of these species are summarized as follows:

- ***State Endangered Plant Species – Parker’s pipewort – and State Special Concern Plant – Salt marsh bulrush:*** As its common name suggests, salt marsh bulrush grows in tidally influenced salt marshes. Parker’s pipewort is found on sandy, silty, or muddy substrates in fresh or brackish-tidal river shores. Botanists familiar with these species conducted field surveys in September 2020 and 2021, when both plants were identifiable. The timing of the surveys coincided with the end of the flowering period of Parker’s Pipewort and the fruiting period of the salt marsh bulrush (also referred to as the New England tuber-bulrush).

The September 2020 survey, focused on inspecting potential wetland habitats to document vegetative conditions during the late summer, to determine if suitable habitat exists to support Parker’s pipewort and saltmarsh bulrush, and to evaluate whether Project construction would affect such potential habitat (if any). During the surveys, neither species was observed. Follow-up botanical surveys were conducted in September 2021 at these confirmed tidal wetland locations. Consistent with the prior surveys, neither plant species was found to be present in the Project area. Per CT DEEP’s recommendation, no further surveys are required for these endangered plant species.

- ***State Special Concern – Northern Diamond-backed Terrapin:*** The northern diamond-backed terrapin is an estuarine species restricted to brackish waters along Connecticut’s coastline. Tidal creeks, bays and marshes are used, with nesting occurring in friable sparsely vegetated upland areas adjacent to these habitats.

Northern diamond-backed terrapins require brackish tidal marshes for feeding and hibernation. They are most vulnerable during the nesting period (May through June), when females have to venture into the adjacent uplands to nest, traversing some of the most intensively developed portions of the State along the Long Island Sound shoreline. Rising sea levels, and encroachment of estuarine habitat driven by climate change, are of growing concern regarding the conservation of terrapins, which are special concern species in Connecticut. UI has coordinated with and continues to work with State officials on the protection of this species within the Project area.

- ***State Special Concern - Eastern Box Turtle:*** Eastern box turtles approach their northeastern range limit in Connecticut, inhabiting primarily the low-lying portions of the State below 500 feet, becoming increasingly scarce at higher elevations between 500-1,000 feet. Their core distribution occurs in the southern half of Connecticut, with a northward extension in the Central Connecticut Lowland into central Massachusetts. The eastern box turtle uses a mosaic of habitats seasonally including fields, shrublands, open and closed canopy wetlands, forests and habitat edges. During the spring and early summer months they favor early and late successional habitats, with a shift to forested habitats during the late-summer and fall seasons. Nesting occurs in sparsely vegetated early successional habitat, with hibernation occurring almost exclusively in forested uplands. UI has and continues to work with State officials on the protection of this species within the Project area.

- ***State Threatened – Seaside Sparrow and State Special Concern Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow:*** The seaside sparrow and the saltmarsh sharp-tailed sparrow are two wetland bird species that nest in salt marsh complexes and are most susceptible to human disturbance during the

breeding season of approximately April through August. Although nests for these species are usually not established until May 1<sup>st</sup>, adult sparrows return to the salt marshes to set up nesting territories as early as April. In some instances, nests can be started as late as August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **State Monitored – Osprey:** Osprey can be found in coastal areas and large inland lakes. According to CT DEEP, preferred natural nest sites are the tops of dead trees (snags) however, osprey adapt to available sites and have been known to nest on top of duck blinds, channel markers, roots of upturned trees, chimneys, school buildings, and utility poles. In 2022, UI commissioned CT DEEP-recognized ornithologists to conduct osprey nest surveys along the Project corridor. During these surveys, one active nest, located approximately 150 feet west of Milvon Substation, was observed, along with four inactive nests between Milvon and Woodmont substations. Observations indicated that osprey were actively using the nest west of Milvon Substation, which is located on an electrical pole. Osprey are typically inactive in the Connecticut region during the September through February timeframe, as they winter in southern regions.
- **Federally Endangered – Northern Long-eared Bat:** Northern long-eared bat can be found across the eastern and north central United States and in all Canadian provinces. Northern long-eared bat habitat includes tress, snags, caves, and mines. No known hibernacula for this species exists along the Project corridor. The USFWS officially reclassified the Northern Long-eared Bat from threatened to endangered status on March 31, 2023. In advance of that ruling, on March 21, 2023, the USFWS released a planning tool and interim guidance for assessing potential impacts to the bats from planned projects. The USFWS is expected to issue final guidance by April 2024. Applying the interim guidance, UI assessed the Project's potential impacts to the Northern Long-eared Bat and determined that the Project area does not encompass likely habitat for the species; therefore, UI anticipates that the Project will have no adverse effect on Northern Long-eared Bat.

To avoid potential impacts to these species during Segment 3 construction, UI will implement the mitigation and protection measures described in the SPP and summarized in Table 4-5. These measures reflect the recommendations and BMPs to protect the listed species in the Segment 3 Project area, as identified by the USFWS and CT DEEP.

In addition, the mitigation and protection measures incorporate the recommendations of the herpetologist that UI commissioned to work with the Project team during the preparation of the overall D&M Plans (i.e., during the pre-construction planning process).

**Table 4-5: Segment 3 Listed Species Protection Measures**

<b>GENERAL</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UI will train supervisory Project field personnel regarding listed species identification and protection measures and will require these supervisory personnel to train their field crews.</li> <li>• UI will retain a Protected Species Specialist to examine habitat areas for listed herptile species and to provide input regarding the deployment of BMPs to best protect the species.</li> <li>• UI will require the construction contractor to install exclusionary fencing (e.g. silt fence) around habitat areas.</li> </ul>	
<b>MEASURES APPLICABLE TO WORK IN / NEAR SPECIES HABITAT</b>	
<b>Parker's Pipewort and Salt marsh bulrush - (Mitigation to be performed in areas of potential plant habitat)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All structure replacements will occur outside of the mid-July through October blooming season .</li> <li>• Temporary construction matting will be used on all access roads and work pads (no gravel).</li> <li>• All timber from vegetation clearing (i.e., woodchips, slash) will be removed from potential plant habitat areas.</li> <li>• Any Parker's pipewort or Salt marsh bulrush identified must be reported to UI's representative, with the reported location and other information included on a special plant form that UI will submit to CT DEEP.</li> </ul>	
<b>Eastern Box Turtle and Northern Diamondback Terrapin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A CT DEEP recognized professional will be available as necessary to verify appropriate BMPs are implemented and to conduct targeted species sweeps, working with construction contractor personnel.</li> <li>• All staging areas, outside of previously paved locations, regardless of the duration of time that they will be utilized, must be reviewed to remove individuals, and exclude them from reentry.</li> <li>• Special precautions will be taken to avoid degradation of any wetland habitats.</li> <li>• Special precautions will be taken to avoid harm to basking or foraging individuals for any work in the early morning and evening hours.</li> <li>• No wood chips will be spread in the active species areas; the use of gravel will be avoided to the extent feasible.</li> <li>• Any eastern box turtle or northern diamondback terrapin identified must be removed from the active work site and reported to UI's representative; data about the turtle observation will be recorded on a special animal form that UI will submit to CT DEEP.</li> <li>• Avoid heavy equipment use outside of the exclusionary fencing.</li> <li>• Minimize ground disturbance; manually cut trees along forest edges so as to fall away from watercourses.</li> </ul>	
<b>Seaside Sparrow and Saltmarsh Sharp-Tailed Sparrow</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Seaside Sparrow or Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow identified must be immediately reported to UI's representative, who will coordinate with the Protected Species Specialist for appropriate response actions.</li> <li>• Work in the vicinity of Indian River will be scheduled during the inactive period (September through April) to the extent practicable.</li> <li>• A Protected Species Specialist with the proper credentials will conduct nest surveys prior to construction activities in the vicinity of Indian River if work is to occur between May 1st and August 31. A report of the results shall be submitted to the DEEP NDDB within 14 days of the survey.</li> <li>• No new excessive noise will be introduced between April 15th and August 15th.</li> <li>• If a nest is identified, work in the vicinity of the nest shall halt until after August 15th.</li> </ul>	
<b>Osprey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report any osprey sightings / nests to UI's representative.</li> <li>• Any nests or platforms within areas to be affected by Project construction will be removed during the inactive season before the start of construction in that area. UI will patrol the area during the following nest building season and will attempt to prevent osprey from rebuilding the nest if possible (to avoid impacts during Project construction). If a nest is nonetheless re-established within a Project work area, UI will seek a waiver from the CT DEEP Wildlife Division staff for Project construction.</li> <li>• Nests located outside of but within 300 feet of Project work areas will not be removed. UI will coordinate with CT DEEP Wildlife Division staff to obtain a waiver for Project construction.</li> </ul>	
<b>Northern Long Eared Bat*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on current USFWS information, the Project area does not coincide with Northern Long-eared Bat habitat and thus the Project is expected to have no effect on this species.</li> <li>• During construction, report Northern Long-eared Bat observations, if any, to UI's representative, who will coordinate with the Project's Protected Species Specialist(s) regarding further action.</li> </ul>	
<small>*UI will review the final USFWS guidance regarding the Northern Long-eared Bat (anticipated by April 2024) and would modify protection measures to be implemented for this Project, if applicable.</small>	

#### 4.2.6 Air Quality Protection (Minimization of Dust and Vehicle Idling Protocol)

##### **Vehicle/Equipment Idling Requirements**

To minimize emissions from construction equipment and vehicles, UI will require Project contractors to properly maintain equipment and to adhere to Connecticut's anti-idling requirements (RCSA § 22a-174-18). Per Connecticut requirements, the allowable idling time for vehicles of all kinds, including diesel construction equipment, is 3 minutes. However, under winter work conditions (when the ambient temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit) the following apply:

- Construction equipment may require longer periods to warm up after overnight shut down or other extended periods of inactivity. Such "warm up" periods, as required to bring the equipment up to a safe operating temperature (as defined by the equipment manufacturer), are exempt from the idling time limit. However, most diesel engines take 3 minutes or less to warm up (contractors should consult the engine manufacturer's recommendations).
- Construction equipment may have to idle for longer periods to operate defrosting or heating equipment to ensure the safety or health of the driver.

*Note:* "Idling" is defined as the period when mobile construction equipment is not in motion or is not otherwise actively performing its designated function. Thus, "idling" does not apply to the use of certain types of mobile construction equipment (e.g., cranes, cement mixers) that may be stationary, but is actively operating, at a work site.

##### **Dust Minimization**

Dust emissions will be controlled by applying water or equivalent substances to exposed soil on Project work sites, as necessary, per guidance provided in the SWPCP. To minimize tracking of dirt from Project construction areas onto paved roads, when used for construction access, crushed stone anti-tracking pads (or equivalent) will be installed as necessary.

#### 4.2.7 Site Access, CT DOT Highway and Railroad Permits, and Traffic Control/Signs

During construction, access to the Segment 3 work sites will be via the public road network combined with the use of access roads either within or near the railroad corridor. Six new permanent access roads will be required along Segment 3 (refer to Section 2.4 and the Volume 2 maps).

UI has coordinated with CT DOT regarding the establishment of temporary and permanent access roads along the railroad corridor. For access roads located outside the CT DOT corridor, UI coordinated with the affected property owners. The access roads that will be used to provide ingress/egress to construction work sites are illustrated on the Volume 2 maps.

Along Segment 3, the 115-kV transmission lines span U.S. Route 1. UI's contractor will submit an application for an encroachment permit to CT DOT for this road crossing. The resulting CT DOT encroachment permit will include specifications for notifications to CT DOT, work hours, use of specific traffic controls, etc. The contractor will be required to adhere to all CT DOT road crossing requirements.<sup>11</sup>

To avoid or minimize the potential for traffic issues on municipal roads during construction, UI's construction contractors will implement access and traffic control measures. Such measures will include procedures for maintaining safe ingress and egress to the CT DOT corridor or UI easement areas from public roads for construction equipment and other vehicles, including the use of properly placed signs indicating the presence of construction work zones.

UI's construction contractor will be responsible for posting and maintaining construction warning signs, in accordance with state and local requirements, along public roads in the vicinity of the work areas. Signs will be consistent with the latest version of the federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices ([MUTCD]).<sup>12</sup>

Flaggers or police personnel will be used to direct traffic, as needed. UI or its construction contractor will coordinate with representatives of Milford as needed to implement traffic management procedures specific to each local road crossing. For construction access from or work over U.S. Route 1 (Boston Post Road), the construction contractor will apply, obtain, and conform to the requirements of CT DOT's encroachment permits.

#### 4.2.8 Cultural Resources

Based on cultural resource analyses commissioned by UI and reviewed by the SHPO, the Segment 3 construction will not adversely affect known archaeological sites. In the event that undocumented (buried) cultural materials are discovered during the Segment 3 construction, UI will implement the procedures described in the *Procedures for Unanticipated Cultural Resource Discoveries* included in Volume 3, Attachment K. (Refer to Section 7 for a discussion of UI's mitigation for indirect visual impacts to standing historic structures in the vicinity the Segment 3 portion of the Project; such mitigation measures were identified in consultations with the SHPO.)

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<sup>11</sup> If the work hours specified in the CT DOT encroachment permit differ from the expected work hours listed in Section 6, UI will inform the CSC, requesting a D&M Plan modification.

<sup>12</sup> Connecticut has adopted the federal MUTCDs.

#### 4.2.9 Lighting and Noise Mitigation

##### Lighting

Because some of Segment 3 Project construction will occur in the winter (when some tasks may extend after nightfall) or otherwise will require performance during the night (e.g., near the MNR tracks where CT DOT work hours will apply; refer to Section 6), temporary lighting will be required at certain times to allow for the safe execution of work activities. However, such temporary lighting will be positioned to focus on work sites and thus will have only a short-term and localized effect.

##### Noise

Segment 3 extends along the CT DOT corridor in areas of Milford bordered by a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial areas, as well as open space. The existing ambient sound environment is generally affected by trains operating along the CT DOT corridor, as well as by traffic on I-95, U.S. Route 1 (Boston Post Road), and local roads, among other activities. Project work activities will cause short-term and localized increases in sounds typical of construction activities, particularly due to the operation of heavy equipment for tasks such as vegetation removal and structure foundation excavation. Noise will also be generated from helicopters, if used to install transmission line components.

However, such sound will be focused at and in the immediate vicinity of Project work sites along the CT DOT corridor. Moreover, noise will attenuate with distance. In addition, UI will require its construction contractors to properly maintain and, if/when necessary, muffle equipment and vehicles to minimize noise emissions.

#### 4.2.10 Construction Equipment/Vehicle Washing

Except for concrete trucks, no construction equipment or vehicle washing will be allowed on Project work sites. Concrete truck wash-out will be allowed only in upland locations that must be selected to avoid or minimize the potential for impacts to environmental resources. All wash-out areas will include measures to control and contain wash-water and to collect the cement wash-off, such as in spin-off boxes, for off-site disposal. The Volume 2 aerial map sheets illustrate the anticipated location of concrete washout areas. Other cleaning will be limited to dry brushing of equipment as needed to minimize movement of impacted soils or invasive wetland species between work sites (refer to Volume 3, Attachments F and L).

Erosion and sedimentation controls deployed at wash-out areas will conform to the relevant provisions of the 2023 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, the 2023 Connecticut Stormwater

Quality Manual, the Project SWPCP, and the CT DEEP’s General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters Associated with Construction Activities. (Refer also to the Project *Erosion and Sediment Control Plan* in Volume 3.)

#### **4.2.11 Utility Crossings**

Above-ground utilities along Segment 3 are identified on the Volume 2 maps. UI’s contractors will use “Call Before You Dig” to identify the locations of buried utilities in relation to any sub-surface work. Project construction will not involve any excavation in the vicinity of underground utilities in public roads.

#### **4.2.12 Methods to Prevent or Discourage Unauthorized Use of the ROW**

CT DOT restricts access to the railroad corridor in general. If required along UI’s new permanent easements for the rebuilt transmission lines, UI will coordinate with the individual landowners to obtain approval for installing appropriate barriers (e.g., fences, gates, boulders) as deterrents to unauthorized access. UI anticipates that such barriers may be installed, as necessary, where UI’s new permanent easement intersects with public roads.

#### **4.2.13 Winter Work**

Various Segment 3 work activities will be conducted during the winter months. The removal of snow and ice from construction sites is critical to maintain a safe work environment. Snow removal and the use of de-icing procedures from Project access roads and work pads, will be performed to protect worker safety and in accordance with UI’s *Snow Removal and De-icing Procedures*, which incorporates the CT DEEP’s Best Management Practices for Disposal of Snow Accumulations from Roadways and Parking Lots (refer to Volume 3, Attachment H).

## 5. SUBSTATION MODIFICATION CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

This section describes the construction procedures that will be required to connect the rebuilt 115-kV lines to Milvon and Woodmont substations, as well as to remove the existing 115-kV line connections. Volume 2 includes detailed site plans that illustrate the installations/modifications to each substation.

The procedures described in Section 4 for the transmission line rebuild work also will apply, as relevant, to the Project modifications to the substations.

### 5.1 MILVON SUBSTATION

All Project modifications at Milvon Substation will be located within the substation's existing fenced area. The following activities will be performed to bring in the new OPGW fiber into the substation.<sup>13</sup>

- Install two underground all dielectric self-supporting (ADSS) fibers from new splice boxes to be located on the existing substation termination structures to the existing control enclosure. These ADSS installations will be fully within the substation fence. One splice box will be located on the western side of the termination structure associated with Line 88005A-1 and the second splice box will be located on the eastern side of the termination structure associated with Line 89005B-1.
- Remove the existing shield wire and associated hardware from the substation termination structures.
- Install new hardware at the substation termination structures.
- Install new OPGW.

In addition, two of the three conductors on the 89005B-1 Line that extend into the substation will be replaced in order to re-orient the phasing.

If any portion of the existing substation fence must be removed for Project construction, UI will require its contractor to replace the fence in the same location and restore the fencing to pre-construction condition, if required.

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<sup>13</sup> As noted previously, in 2015, UI rebuilt both the 115-kV line connections to Milvon Substation. The Segment 3 line rebuild work will connect to these existing spans. As a result, for this Project, the only construction required at Milvon Substation will involve the connection of the new OPGW; the removal of the existing shield wire and related hardware; and the replacement of the two conductors on the 89005B-1 Line.

## 5.2 WOODMONT SUBSTATION

All Project modifications at Woodmont Substation will be located within the substation's existing fenced area. The following activities will be performed to interconnect the rebuilt 115-kV Line 88005A-1 to the substation.<sup>14</sup>

- Install one underground ADSS fiber from a new splice box located on an existing monopole (located on the north side of the MNR tracks and outside, but adjacent to the substation fence) to the existing control enclosure inside the substation fence.
- Remove the existing shield wire, 115-kV conductors, and associated insulators and hardware from the substation termination structures.
- Install new insulators and hardware at the substation termination structures.
- Install new 115-kV conductors and shield wire.

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<sup>14</sup> The easternmost section of Line 89005B-1, including the line entry to Woodmont Substation, will be rebuilt as part of the Segment 4 construction.

## 6. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND WORK HOURS

## 6.1 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Segment 3 will be the third of the four Project segments to be constructed. The transmission line rebuild work on Segment 3 is expected to begin in March 2025 and to extend over an estimated 15-month period.<sup>15</sup> UI anticipates that the rebuilt 115-kV lines and substation modifications will be complete such that the new 115-kV facilities are expected to be in-service by the end of the second quarter of 2026. Note that Line 89005B-1 is expected to be taken out of service again in the Fall 2027 in order to complete the rebuild of final two spans into Woodmont Substation (to be performed as part of the Segment 4 construction).

However, some construction activities will extend beyond the Segment 3 in-service date. For example, the removal of the UI infrastructure on the south side of the railroad catenary structures may extend into the later summer of 2026. As a result, depending on weather patterns in the late summer 2026-early winter of 2027, the full restoration of areas affected by construction (e.g., temporary access roads and work pads), particularly on the south side of the MNR tracks, may require additional time. Table 6-1 summarizes the anticipated Segment 3 construction schedule.

**Table 6-1: Segment 3 Construction Schedule**

Activity	2025	2026	2027
Contractor Mobilization			
<b>Milvon to Woodmont</b>			
Construction: Rebuild 115kV T-Lines			
New 115kV T-Lines in Service			
Removals: Existing Conductor, Bonnets, and Hardware			
ROW Restoration			

Final restoration (including final site stabilization via reseeding or other measures) may be performed as necessary in 2027. In addition, post-restoration inspections to document the effectiveness of site rehabilitation will be performed in accordance with the General Permit and Project-specific SWPCP; such inspections will extend into 2027. Based on the current Project schedule, full restoration is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2027.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>15</sup> ADSS may be installed within Woodmont Substation in the first half of 2024 to facilitate the rest of the segment construction.

<sup>16</sup> Pursuant to the CT DEEP General Permit, the Project will be considered complete after all post-construction measures are installed, cleaned, functioning, and inspected, and the site has achieved final stabilization for at least one full growing season (April – October) after the cessation of construction activities.

Outages will be required for the Project construction. Outages for the Project are generally expected to be from April to May 2025 and from September 2025 through May 2026.

## 6.2 WORK HOURS

The work hours for the construction of Segment 3 reflect the results of UI's coordination with CT DOT and MNR, taking into consideration transmission line and rail outages. Work involving activities within the CT DOT rail corridor, particularly the removal of the existing 115-kV lines and bonnets from the catenary structures, will be scheduled to avoid or minimize conflicts with rail operations. Further, Project work hours will vary based on the location and type of construction activity being performed.

The Segment 3 construction hours are expected to be as summarized below.

1. **Hours for the Performance of Construction Work Offset from the Railroad Tracks and at Laydown/Material Staging Areas/Contractor Yards.** Typical work hours for the rebuilt 115-kV line construction will be from 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Saturday. These work hours will apply to locations where the new 115-kV monopoles will be offset from the railroad tracks, as well as to the laydown/material staging areas/contractor yard(s). Construction personnel may arrive and leave Project laydown/material storage areas and contractor yards outside of these hours as needed to prepare for construction (e.g., for meetings in office trailers, holding safety tailboards).
2. **Hours for the Construction of New Monopoles that Require Railroad Track Outages.** In locations where the new 115-kV monopoles will be in-line with the railroad catenary structures, close to the railroad tracks, track outages will be required. Such outages, which will be defined based on further consultations with CT DOT and MNR, typically will be during non-peak rail use times. As a result, in these areas, 115-kV line construction is expected to be limited to weekend or overnight periods. **The same hours will apply to work at the laydown/material staging areas/contractor yards required to support these activities.**
3. **Tasks Requiring 24/7 Work.** Certain construction tasks will require work on Sundays or beyond standard daily or nighttime work shifts, particularly when outages are required. For example, to connect the rebuilt 115-kV lines to the Milvon and Woodmont substations, certain transmission and/or distribution equipment will have to be taken temporarily out of service. UI has coordinated this work with CONVEX to obtain specific outage times. To complete such tasks as efficiently as possible with minimal service disruptions, work may have to be performed continuously (24 hours per day, for the number of days required).
4. **Non-Standard Work Hours at Laydown/Material Staging Areas/Contractor Yards.** The laydown/material storage area/contractor yards are required to support construction activities. As a result, yard work hours will be a function of the required work hours for different construction activities. For example, laydown/material staging areas/contractor yards must be available to support night-time removal of the 115-kV facilities and bonnets from the catenary structures, as well as day-time construction activities that involve standard work hours. As a result, depending on the specific construction tasks ongoing at a particular time, the Project laydown/material staging areas/contractor yards may operate on a 24 hours per day, 7 day per week basis.

**5. Hours for Work to Remove the Existing 115-kV Lines and Bonnets from Railroad Catenary Structures.**

Work on the railroad catenary structures will involve track outages and will require specific work hours and restrictions, as defined by CT DOT/MNR. Such work, which will be subject to MNR conditions, may have to be performed seven days/week. The specific work hours that are expected to apply to activities on the CT DOT property involve night-time construction, as follows:

- Any work requiring MNR distribution outages will typically be performed between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM or between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM.
- Any work requiring high rail access will typically be performed between 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM.
- Work requiring the crossing of all railroad tracks will typically be performed between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM, Friday through Sunday (actual working time is typically 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM).

## 7. PERMITS AND APPROVALS

As part of the overall Project planning process and/or during the preparation of this Segment 3 D&M Plan, UI coordinated with representatives of various regulatory agencies, including but not limited to municipal officials, CT DEEP, CT DOT/MNR, the SHPO, FAA, USFWS, and the USACE.<sup>17</sup> In addition to authorization from the Council for the Project, UI has obtained approvals from other State and Federal agencies. At the Federal level, the Project must comply with the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Federal Aviation Act.

At the State level, along with compliance with the Council's requirements, UI has obtained Project-specific permits or approvals pertaining to water resources, stormwater management, flood management, and threatened endangered and special concern species, along with cultural resources. UI also submitted to and received approval from the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) regarding the Manner and Method of Project construction; the PURA approval was received on January 11, 2023.

In addition, UI coordinated with CT DOT regarding the construction and operation/maintenance of the 115-kV transmission lines within the railroad corridor. UI's construction contractor will coordinate with the CT DOT regarding the encroachment permit for Project work within or above U.S. Route 1.

The Project will result in adverse indirect visual impacts to standing historic structures and historic districts in Milford that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and State Register of Historic Places. To offset these indirect visual impacts (which consist of alterations of the viewshed of the historic structures and districts through installation of the new monopoles), UI coordinated with the SHPO to identify and implement mitigation. The mitigation will include historical research and fieldwork to document and record grave markers within the Milford Cemetery; such research will be made available to the public. This mitigation effort is not linked to, nor will it be affected by, Project construction.

In accordance with the Council's requirements, UI is providing a copy of this Segment 3 D&M Plan to the City of Milford. Table 7-1 summarizes the Project permits and/or approvals applicable to Segment 3, along with the status of each.

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<sup>17</sup> UI also coordinated with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); the FAA reviewed the heights of the new monopoles and issued Determinations of No Hazard (DNH) to aviation for all structures.

**Table 7-1: Segment 3: Permits and Approvals**

Shading = Segment 3-specific permit/approval; all other permits/approvals apply Project-Wide or to other Project segments.

Agency	Permit/Approval Required / Activity Regulated	Application Submitted or Consultation (Date)	Status
<b>FEDERAL</b>			
USACE	Clean Water Act Section 404 (inland and tidal water resource crossings); Pre-Construction Notification (PCN), General Permit 6A, 6B, and 18A	Consultation with USACE held on December 13, 2021; permits submitted November 1, 2022	Approved May 10, 2023 File Number: NAE-2022-02526
USFWS	Consultation per Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act	iPac consultation submitted January 26, 2021, September 14, 2021, & October 3, 2022	Conducted by USACE as part of PCN approval process.
FAA	Form 7460-1: Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration	Consultation submitted by project segment: March 5, 2021, March 19, 2021, April 6, 2021, and May 11, 2021. Final Application for Segment 1 submitted in stages on December 5, 2022, January 10, 2023, and August 3, 2023. Final Application for Segment 2 submitted on December 1, 2023. Final application for Segment 3 expected to be filed Q4 2024.	Complete. No lighting or marking required per FAA DNHs. FAA coordination may be required for contractor cranes.
<b>STATE</b>			
CSC	Municipal Consultation Filing  Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50/(a)(1)  Development and Management Plan: Separate Plan for each Project Construction segment	October 28, 2021  February 2022  Segment 1 D&M Plan (Volumes 1-3) Submitted April 13, 2023  Segment 2 D&M Plan (Volumes 1-2), Submitted July 7, 2023  Segment 3 D&M Plan (Volumes 1-2, Submitted March 2024; Volume 3 incorporated by reference)	Complete.  Approved August 18, 2022  Approved June 8, 2023  Approved August 17, 2023  Pending CSC approval.
CT DEEP	• Land and Water Resources Division (LWRD)	Water quality certification per Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act; pertains to inland and tidal water resource crossings.  Tidal Wetlands Act: Certificate of Permission for Activities in Tidal Waters	Submitted November 1, 2022  Submitted on March 2, 2023
			Concurrence of Eligibility issued September 7, 2023; Application ID 202211333-PCN

Agency	Permit/Approval Required / Activity Regulated	Application Submitted or Consultation (Date)	Status
• NDDB	<p>(per pre-app meeting with CT DEEP LWRD Staff)</p> <p>State threatened and endangered species; special concern species and significant natural communities' consultation, survey, and review</p>	<p>Consultation submitted October 29, 2020; resubmitted September 28, 2022</p>	<p>Approved April 14, 2023; License Number: 202210703-COP</p> <p>Determination response letter from CT DEEP received December 27, 2020 and February 8, 2023</p>
• Stormwater & Dewatering	<p>General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities (DEEP-WPED-GP-015) and SWPCP</p> <p>General Permit for the Discharge of Groundwater Remediation Wastewater (DEEP-WPED-GP-027), if necessary, as part of materials handling and disposal.</p>	<p>General Permit and SWPCP submitted April 2023</p> <p>Prior to construction, as necessary</p>	<p>Approved June 12, 2023 Permit #: GSN003935</p> <p>Prior to construction, if required</p>
• Bureau of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division	General Permit for Minor Coastal Structures (DEEP-OLISP-GP-2015-01) Installation of an Osprey Platform and Perch Pole authorized in Section 3(a)(3)	Consultation with DEEP LWRD on September 26, 2022	See LWRD permit
• Coastal Management Program	Coastal Consistency certification incorporated into CT DEEP LWRD permit applications	See LWRD permit	
CT DEEP, PURA	Approval of Manner and Method of transmission line construction and energization per Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 16-243	Petition submitted December 13, 2022	Approved January 11, 2023 Docket No. 22-12-14
CT DOT	<p>Request for Letter of No Objection</p> <p>Encroachment permit for U.S. Route 1</p>	<p>Submitted February 24, 2023</p> <p>Segment 3</p>	<p>Approved May 3, 2023</p> <p>Anticipated submittal by contractor prior to Q1 2025.</p>
MNR	Right of Entry Permit	Segment 1 approved August 23, 2023; Segment 2 Amendment approved December 21, 2023 Segment 3	Anticipated submittal of Segment 3 Amendment prior to Q1 2025
SHPO	Cultural Resource Consultation under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50l(e)	Request for consultation Submitted January 22, 2021; Phase IA Cultural Resources Report submitted September 10, 2021; Phase 1B Cultural Resources Report submitted December 20, 2021, Draft Memorandum of Understanding submitted to SHPO Q1 2023	<p>Concurrence to commence proposed mitigation received from SHPO August 17, 2023.</p> <p>Notification of mitigation plan concurrence provided to CSC August 30, 2023. CSC acknowledged compliance with D&amp;O</p>

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Permit/Approval Required / Activity Regulated</b>	<b>Application Submitted or Consultation (Date)</b>	<b>Status</b>
			Condition No. 2(e) on September 8, 2023.

## **8. PUBLIC REVIEW AND OUTREACH**

In conjunction with the submission of this Segment 3 D&M Plan to the Council, UI will post the filed D&M Plan on the Project web site (UIRailroadTLineUpgrades.com) and will provide the D&M Plan to Milford municipal officials, as well as to those on the CSC service list for the Project.

Throughout the construction process, UI outreach representatives will be available to brief residents and businesses affected by Project construction activities and other interested stakeholders regarding the construction process, key construction stages, and expected construction timeline. Project representatives will also contact adjacent and nearby residents and businesses to notify them of upcoming construction activities and will be reachable throughout the construction process to address any specific questions or concerns.

UI outreach representatives also will notify municipal officials in advance of any planned use of helicopters during Project construction (the use of helicopters is at the construction contractors' discretion).

## 9. ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>115-kV:</b>	115-kilovolts or 115,000 volts
<b>Access Road:</b>	A road (permanent or temporary) that provides access to Project work sites or new monopoles
<b>ACSS:</b>	Aluminum Conductor Steel Supported, a common type of overhead conductor
<b>ADSS:</b>	All-dielectric self-supporting fiber
<b>AGL:</b>	Above Ground Level
<b>ANSI:</b>	American National Standards Institute
<b>Application:</b>	Application to the Connecticut Siting Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CSC Docket No. 508 for this Project)
<b>BMP:</b>	Best Management Practices
<b>Certificate:</b>	Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (from the Connecticut Siting Council)
<b>CJL:</b>	Coastal Jurisdictional Line
<b>CCMA:</b>	Connecticut Coastal Management Act
<b>CT DEEP:</b>	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
<b>CT DOT:</b>	Connecticut Department of Transportation
<b>CT DOT Corridor:</b>	Property owned by CT DOT encompassing the railroad tracks and areas both north and south of the tracks
<b>Conn. Gen. Stat.:</b>	Connecticut General Statutes
<b>Conductor:</b>	A metallic wire, busbar, rod, tube or cable which serves as a path for electric current flow.
<b>Construction:</b>	Construction refers to Project activities commencing with work site/staging area preparation through final restoration and site stabilization.
<b>CONVEX:</b>	Connecticut Valley Exchange
<b>Council (or CSC):</b>	Connecticut Siting Council
<b>Counterpoise:</b>	Part of transmission line grounding system.
<b>CWA:</b>	Clean Water Act (Federal)
<b>D&amp;M Plan:</b>	Development and Management Plan (required by the Connecticut Siting Council)
<b>Deadend Structure:</b>	A line structure that is designed to have the capacity to hold the lateral strain of the conductor in one direction.
<b>dBA:</b>	Decibel, on the A-weighted scale
<b>dbh:</b>	Diameter breast height (tree trunk measurement)
<b>Direct Embed:</b>	Transmission structure installation type in which the bottom section of each pole is placed in an excavated hole. Does not require the use of foundations or concrete. H-frame and guyed pole structures are typically direct embedded.
<b>DNH:</b>	Determination of No Hazard (FAA)
<b>Drilled Shaft:</b>	Transmission structure foundation type involving the use of drilling rigs and pneumatic hammers to excavate an area for the structure foundation. Concrete is used for the foundation.
<b>EMF:</b>	Electric and magnetic field
<b>EMF BMP Document:</b>	Electric and Magnetic Fields Best Management Practices for the Construction of Electric Transmission Lines in Connecticut prescribed by the Connecticut Siting Council
<b>FAA:</b>	Federal Aviation Administration
<b>FEMA:</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency
<b>Frac Tank:</b>	Fractionization tank, used to temporarily hold water pumped from Project excavations or otherwise used during Project construction activities

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>General Permit (CT DEEP):</b>	General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities
<b>Grounding System:</b>	Ground rings, placed around transmission line poles and counterpoise as required.
<b>Idling:</b>	The period when mobile construction equipment is not in motion or is not otherwise actively performing its designated function.
<b>IEEE:</b>	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
<b>ISO-NE:</b>	Independent System Operator – New England
<b>kV:</b>	kilovolt (equals 1,000 volts)
<b>MNR:</b>	Metro-North Railroad
<b>MUTCD:</b>	Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices
<b>NDDB:</b>	Connecticut Natural Diversity Data Base (CT DEEP)
<b>NERC:</b>	North American Electric Reliability Council, Inc. (initially, the National Electric Reliability Council)
<b>NESC:</b>	National Electrical Safety Code
<b>NRCS:</b>	Natural Resources Conservation Service (United States Department of Agriculture)
<b>NRHP:</b>	National Register of Historic Places
<b>NWI:</b>	National Wetlands Inventory
<b>OPGW:</b>	Optical ground wire (a shield wire containing optical glass fibers for communication purposes)
<b>Permanent Easement:</b>	Pertains to the transmission line structures, wire clearances, access, vegetation management, limitations on structures that can be placed on the easement (e.g., buildings, pools,), and protection from excavation, all as needed for UI's installation, maintenance, operation, and repair of the utility infrastructure
<b>PURA:</b>	Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (part of CT DEEP)
<b>Project:</b>	Milvon-West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project
<b>Project Area:</b>	Collectively, the location of the work both within and north/south of the CT DOT corridor
<b>RCSA:</b>	Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies
<b>ROW:</b>	Right-of-way
<b>RSR:</b>	Remediation Standard Regulations
<b>SCADA:</b>	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System
<b>SF</b>	Square Feet
<b>SHPO:</b>	Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office
<b>SPP:</b>	Species Protection Plan
<b>SRHP:</b>	State Register of Historic Places
<b>SWPCP:</b>	Stormwater Pollution Control Plan
<b>Transmission Line:</b>	Any electric line operating at 69,000 or more volts.
<b>UI, Company:</b>	The United Illuminating Company
<b>USACE:</b>	United States Army Corps of Engineers
<b>USDA:</b>	United States Department of Agriculture
<b>USFWS:</b>	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
<b>USGS:</b>	United States Geological Survey (U.S. Department of the Interior)
<b>XS:</b>	Cross-section (drawing)