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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 - Request for Modification to Structure Locations Near West River Substation

## Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62(b)(2) and Attachment M to the project's Development & Management Plan, The United Illuminating Company ("UI") is hereby providing ("Council") notice of a deviation to the Connecticut Siting Council (the "Council"). The deviation occurred along the eastern side of the West River Substation at the end of Grant Street.

The General Access Plans depict a work pad on the eastern side of the West River Substation at the northern-most end of Grant Street. Due to site constraints and safety concerns within the energized Substation that were identified by UI's construction contractor, along with the presence of a historical access point to West River Substation, the contractor moved forward with the approved tree clearing off Grant Street, as well as implementing a gravel work pad and minor surficial grading. This work extended from the denoted Grant Street work pad to the existing eastern maintenance gate of the Substation. Erosion and sedimentation controls, including straw wattling, mulching, and temporary seeding were implemented on exposed areas for soil stabilization.

Please note, the area where the work pad was extended is not located in a regulated wetland or watercourse area, does not include the construction or placement of any temporary structures or equipment, and does *not* change a structure type or location. The area along the right-of-way is currently owned by UI and includes a maintenance gate for access into the Substation.

Ul requests Council approval to make the work pad that extends into the eastern side of the West River Substation a permanent access road for ease of entry into the Substation. The access road can be used for current project needs and future maintenance. Areas along the southern edge of the cleared area would be permanently seeded and potentially maintained as a pollinator habitat, if appropriate, in order to comply with Project specific restoration requirements.



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

Very truly yours,

Paul Kenline

