

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN 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 THAT TRAVERSES
PORTIONS OF MILFORD, ORANGE,
WEST HAVEN, AND NEW HAVEN,
CONNECTICUT

June 7, 2022

**PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF DAVID SULKIS, CHRISTOPER SALEY, AND
MARYROSE PALUMBO ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MILFORD**

1 Q. **Mr. Sulkis, please state your name, position, and business address.**

2 A. My name is David B. Sulkis. I am the City Planner for the City of Milford and have
3 held this position for the last 19 years. I am a member of the American Planning
4 Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners and have a bachelor's
5 degree in urban studies from the University of Connecticut.

6 Q. **Mr. Saley, please state your name, position, and business address.**

7 A. My name is Christopher Saley. I am the Director of Public Works for the City of
8 Milford and have held this position for the last 8 years.

9 Q. **Ms. Palumbo, please state your name, position, and business address.**

10 A. My name is MaryRose Palumbo. I am the Inland Wetlands Officer for the City of
11 Milford and have held this position for the last 31 years. I have a Bachelor's of
12 Science in Earth and Environmental Science from Southern Connecticut State
13 University.

14 Q. **On whose behalf are you testifying in this case?**

15 A. We are testifying on behalf of the City of Milford, Connecticut (the "City").

16 Q. **Are you aware that you have been identified as a representative for the City
17 of Milford with whom UI met "to discuss design and current proposed
18 configuration" for the Project?**

19 A. Yes.

1 **Q. Please describe the nature of your meeting(s) with UI in connection with the**
2 **Project.**

3 A. UI presented the Project, in the configuration proposed in the pending application,
4 as an improvement required for the reliability and resiliency of the transmission
5 grid. We discussed the Project's potential wetland impacts and disturbance within
6 or near Milford Cemetery, as well as a revised design intended to minimize the
7 number of new monopoles to be installed in the vicinity of the Milford Train Station.
8 Reducing the number of monopoles near the Milford Train Station was primarily
9 driven by a desire to minimize parking impacts and conflicts between UI's original
10 proposal and a new development approved for construction at 44-64 River Street.

11 The City also asked whether an underground transmission line was being
12 considered for the downtown area and UI stated that underground installation
13 would be significantly more expensive and complicated. Mr. Sulkis advised UI
14 representatives that there should be few underground construction conflicts near
15 the Milford Train Station since underground infrastructure in that area is minimal.

16 There was no other discussion of alternatives to the current design proposal, and
17 the Project's adverse impacts to Milford historic resources, and/or mitigation
18 measures to minimize such impacts, were never discussed.

19 **Q. To your knowledge, did UI discuss opportunities for avoiding, minimizing,**
20 **and/or mitigating Project impacts to cultural resources (historic and**
21 **archaeological) with you, or any municipal staff for the City of Milford, prior**
22 **to the filing of pending application?**

23 A. No.

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