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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

May 24, 2022

The Honorable Charles Ferraro – State Representative 117th District  
The Honorable Frank Smith – State Representative – 118<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Kathy Kennedy – State Representative – 119<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable James Maroney – State Senator – 14<sup>th</sup> District

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 508** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest and West River substations along approximately 9.5 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor traversing the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Representative Ferraro, Smith, Kennedy, and Senator Maroney:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated May 23, 2022 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50(b), a copy of each application is required to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review.

Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](http://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated April 21, 2022  
Council Members



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Connecticut Siting Council  
Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director  
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**RE: Docket No. 508 - UI Milford Project**

Dear Attorney Bachman,

On April 28, 2022, the Connecticut Siting Council held a public hearing regarding the above captioned application. At that time, State Representatives Frank Smith and Kathy Kennedy testified concerning the UI's existing proposal to construct 5-8 new monopoles at a height more than 120' through the heart of beautiful downtown Milford.

The Milford Delegation herein submits its written testimony asking the CT Siting Council to reconsider the UI's pending application and its impact on Milford's historic downtown district, a cityscape maintained much of the past hundred years. The current UI plan as proposed would present a jarring imposition to our city center profile undermining views from all directions and diminishing the colonial character of our city.

We respectfully request an alternative configuration of the new transmission line between Beardsley Avenue and Gulf Street that involves rebuilding the existing catenary structure to support the new line. As you will recall, UI's existing proposal contemplates the construction of 5-8 new monopoles each at a height of at least 120 feet, and in most instances 135 feet through the heart of downtown Milford. We would point out Milford is one of the most historic downtown areas in the State of Connecticut with the tallest flagpole on its green in the State. An alternative configuration that makes use of the existing MTA catenary structures will largely maintain the existing viewshed and significantly mitigate, if not eliminate the adverse impacts to historic structures identified by the SHPO.

We urge the Siting Council to reconsider the current proposal and consider the alternative configuration that best preserves our scenic and historic downtown Milford. We appreciate your consideration in this matter and thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Charles Ferraro - State Representative CT-117

Kathy Kennedy - State Representative CT-119

James Maroney - State Senator CT-14

Frank Smith - State Representative CT-118