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March 24, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

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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.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from The United Illuminating Company (UI) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115-kV overhead electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopoles along approximately 9.5 miles of Metro-North Railroad corridor between UI's Milvon, Woodmont, Allings Crossing, Elmwest, and West River Substations in the municipalities of Milford, Orange, West Haven, and New Haven. The project will also consist of related modifications and improvements to existing facilities.

### II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for an Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility* dated February 2016, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed preferred and alternate routes, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. The project would not require an outside consultant.

### III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the New Haven Independent (January 18 and February 11, 2022), New Haven Register (January 18 and February 11, 2022), Milford Mirror (January 20 and February 17, 2022), Orange Town News (February 11, 2022), and West Haven Voice (January 20 and February 17, 2022). Electric customer bill

inserts describing the proposed project were included in one or more monthly bills to each UI customer within the vicinity of the proposed route for one or more months not earlier than 60 days prior to the filing of the application with the Council.

#### **IV. Procedural**

Pursuant to CGS §16-50m, the Council must schedule a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. At least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. The Council must also designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. In accordance with CGS § 16-50m and Sections 149-150 of Special Act No. 21-2, staff recommends holding a remote public hearing via Zoom conferencing on April 28, 2022 and depositing the transcript in the West Haven, Milford and New Haven City Halls and the Orange Town Hall.

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Enclosure: Schedule



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Application received	02/28/2022
Completeness review	03/24/2022
Council Interrogatories	
• Set-One Filed	TBD
• Set-One responses due	TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom 11:00 a.m.	04/06/2022
<b>Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors</b>	<b>04/14/2022</b>
<b>Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories</b>	<b>04/21/2022</b>
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	04/21/2022
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 508 project webpage for Zoom conferencing log in/call in)</i>	04/28/2022
Continued Evidentiary Session(s)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	04/28/2022
Draft Findings of Fact	05/26/2022
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	06/09/2022
Deadline for Decision	02/28/2023

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