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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress 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 along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

Dear Jacquelyn Richardson and Jacquelyn Thunfors:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your additional correspondence concerning Docket No. 516.

In 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 documents related to this proceeding on our website at 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. Your letter will be entered in the public comment file related to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: CT Siting Council Docket #516 DIRECT IMPACT of 92 Pequot Avenue Eminent Domain Easement ** Historic Structure**

92 PEQUOT AVENUE, SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT

* Please review attached Photo*

I write to you in defense of my 95 year old mother and her historic property that is the first of 6 important homes at the very entrance to Historic Southport Village all of which are currently under threat. A preservationist and historian herself, she has spent 35 plus years lovingly protecting a hidden historic gem , faithfully paying her local , state and federal taxes only to be shockingly told by a neighbor 2 weeks ago that her house and land were on an irrevocable list for eminent domain easement. I say “irrevocable” because the entire process to date has shockingly left this lifelong remarkably loyal citizen without any recourse to have a voice , defend herself , protect her asset or literal lifeline (as 92 Pequot truly represents the funds for her continuing care) against a behemoth company .

Further ... the Eminent Domain easement/ seized property will not be transferred to our federal, state or local government - but to a Spanish company Iberdrola (that owns United Illuminating) and who's largest shareholder to date is the Qatar Holding Company . This historic property and all the other Fairfield properties under review will be controlled and owned by that foreign entity forever more .

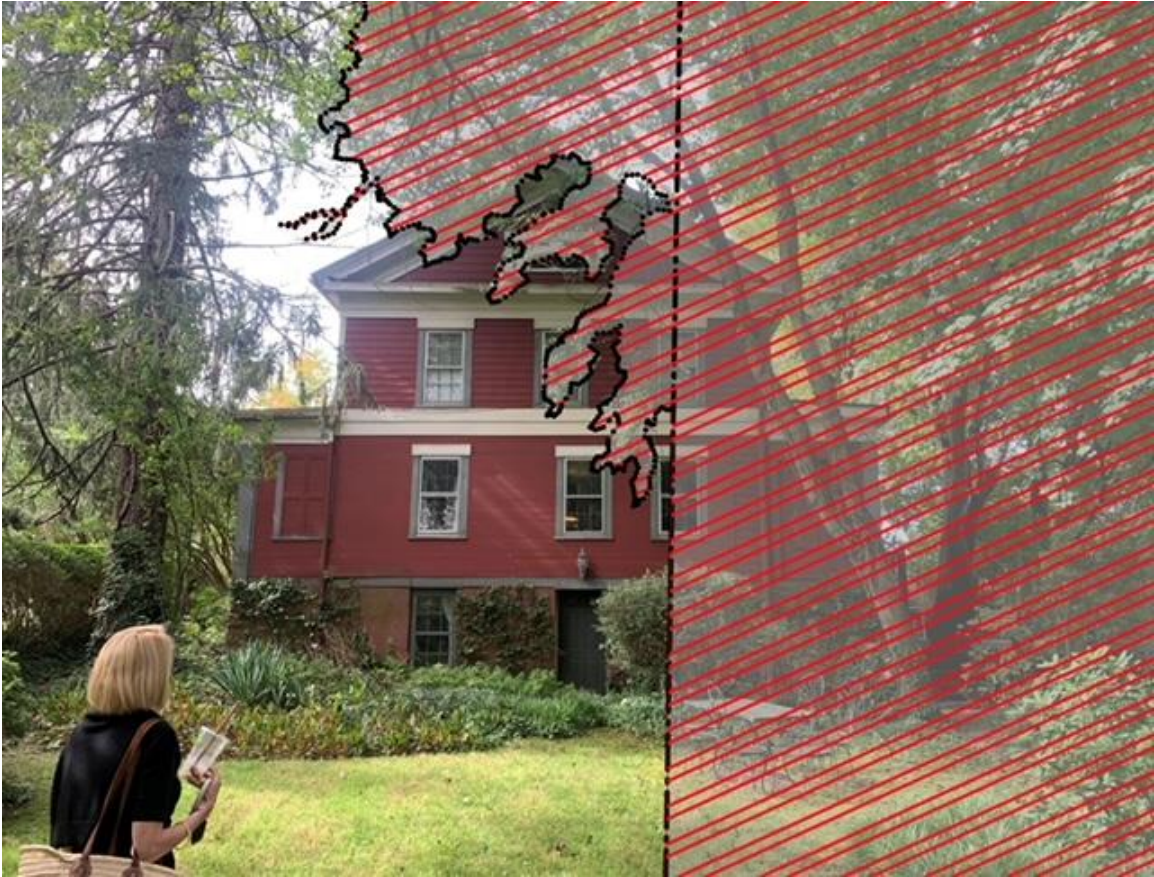
How can any democracy exist when one's entire life's assets are transferred to a foreign entity within months without any means to defend oneself ?? AND even if one were given warning how could anyone possibly afford to defend one's property and assets against a foreign corporate behemoth??? And to add injury to insult the total cost of this unethical land grab by a foreign controlled entity will be 'back charged' to United Illuminating's rate paying customers.

The complete lack of homeowner defenders or intervenors (with the exception of Ozyck and Co) before the Siting Council is Evidence that UI's *purported* communications to the public spoke only to " a project " BUT never to an individual's property being directly affected or under the threat of imminent domain easements. Any communication- any *real* communication to affected personal property owners- would have brought dozens and dozens of homeowner defendants (of which there are oddly ... virtually none).

Our only defense now is for our government- local, state and federal to intervene... to protect us ... as we are truly indefensible to protect ourselves . The project should be completely withdrawn and reevaluated and then perhaps resubmitted with proper notice to all affected citizens.

Given the tremendous assets of Iberdrola burying these vital lines *should not* be last on their list of proposals... but First . Suffice it to say if Iberdrola is successful in getting this project approved (as it is presently designed) they will have cut a savage swath through the heart of Fairfield and destroyed the historic hollowed ground therein all at UI customers' expense to give a foreign company a private energy "toll road."

92 Pequot Ave. Direct Impacts of UI Eminent Domain Easement:



Respectfully submitted ,

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