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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 3, 2023

Jacquelyn Thunfors 92 Pequot Avenue Southport, CT 06890 thunforsart@aol.com

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 Thunfors:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent 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 <u>portal.ct.gov/csc</u> 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,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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c: Council Members

From: Jacquelyn Thunfors <thunforsart@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 12:38 PM

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Subject: Local "legal" emergency

Sent from my iPad

The lack of advance notice- despite evidence of long term United Illuminating planning- to notify we Fairfield and Southport citizens that within weeks our homes would be taken from us by eminent domain, is not only shocking. It is a major dead end road to democracy as we know it.

Beyond our own overnight loss, who has the most at stake?

Our young. Advancing the required legal informational timetable, for eminent domain to lock in place, is crucially now an immediate local opportunity for both of our universities: Sacred Heart and Fairfield University.

This is a local national emergency teaching opportunity. Non paréil.

Together, they can easily and immediately assemble a huge Greek chorus of student citizens protecting their own future. Seldom has there been such a raw local opportunity for major educators to join in enabling crucial change to our legal system that affects young citizens everywhere, whose careers are unfolding into future influence.

This spontaneous land grab is our local ongoing tragedy, played out in front of hundreds of young people from all over the world. Never again must we see and experience this kind of civic performance...called "legal"...in our beloved exemplary democracy.

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