

**CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE:

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY (UI) :  
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF :  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC : DOCKET NO. 516  
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 MILES 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 : November 2, 2023

**PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF ADAM J. KLYVER**

Q. Please state your name and address.

A. Adam J. Klyver, 280 Hillside Road, Fairfield, Connecticut 06824.

Q. Are you testifying on behalf of and for the Town of Fairfield in support of its intervention in this proceeding?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been a resident of Fairfield?

A. I have lived in Fairfield at various points during my life, but I have been a resident of Fairfield since 2006.

Q. What is your current occupation?

A. I am a self-employed licensed architect.

Q. How long have you been a licensed architect?

A. Since 2004.

Q. Do you hold any elected or appointed positions within the municipal government of the Town of Fairfield ("Town")?

A. Yes. I am currently the Chairman of the Town's Historic District Commission ("Commission").

Q. How long have you been a member of the Commission?

A. Since 2006.

Q. What is the role of the Commission within the municipal government of the Town of Fairfield?

A. The Commission has jurisdiction over applications for certificates of appropriateness involving any proposed demolition, new construction or exterior alternations, visible from a public way and affecting buildings or structures that are located in any of the three historic districts located in Town or that are designated local historic properties. The Town's three locally recognized historic districts are located in Greenfield Hill, Southport and the Old Post Road by downtown Fairfield. The Commission also studies and makes recommendations to the Representative Town Meeting to establish additional historic properties from time to time as it sees fit.

Q. Are you familiar with the application filed by United Illuminating Company (“UI”) that is the subject of these proceedings?

A. Yes.

Q. How are you familiar with the application?

A. I have reviewed the application and the documents that are publicly available on the Siting Council’s website.

Q. What is your understanding of the application?

A. I understand from my review of the application and the public docket for these proceedings that UI is proposing to rebuild its existing single-circuit 115-kilovolt overhead transmission line that are currently situated on UI-owned infrastructure on top of railroad catenary structures that span the Metro-North Railroad (“MNR”) tracks in the Town of Fairfield (“Town”) and the City of Bridgeport (“City”), which UI refers to as the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kv Rebuild Project (the “Project”). I further understand that the Project will be visible all year round from certain historic districts and historic properties in town and therefore will have a permanent and direct negative visual effect on these districts and properties. The negatively impacted districts or properties that are located in the Town are: the Southport Historic District; Fairfield Historic District; Mill Plain State Register Historic District; Old Post Road Local Historic District; the Southport Eastbound and Westbound Stations; the Fairfield Railroad Stations; Birdcraft Sanctuary (314 Unquowa Road); Sea Lodge (1313 Pequot Avenue); and Powder House (230 Unquowa Road). I further understand that the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) has advised that the Project will have an

adverse effect on these historic resources and has requested that UI engage in mitigation efforts.

Q. Does the Commission have any concerns regarding the application?

A. Yes. The Commission is concerned that the negative visual impact of the Project and UI's preferred alternative will have a permanent detrimental effect on the preservation of the Town's heritage and the effected properties and historic districts. The proposed monopoles, which will loom high above the current skyline, will be inconsistent and incongruous with the historic resources of the Town.

The Commission is also concerned that the application fails to set forth with any specificity what mitigation efforts, if any, UI will undertake to decrease the negative visual effect its Project will have on the Town's historic resources and in fact, it appears that UI is not under any affirmative obligation to, nor has it definitely committed to, undertake any mitigation efforts. Without such details it is impossible to gage and assess whether UI will be able to mitigate any of the permanent negative effects the Project will have on the impacted historic properties and districts.

Q. As the Chairman of the Commission do you share in these concerns?

A. Yes.

Q. Has UI sought the advice of the Commission?

A. No.

Q. Does that conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.