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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Public Act No. 22-3, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, beginning with an evidentiary session at 2:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be on an application from The United Illuminating Company (UI) 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 along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Metro-North Railroad corridor between Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI's Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, 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, and related modifications, traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence on the applicant's assertions that the public need for the relocated facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility. The 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the applicant, parties and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.** The 6:30 p.m. public comment session is reserved for the public to make statements into the record. Public statements are limited to 3 minutes. During the 6:30 p.m. public comment session, the applicant will present an overview of the proposed facility relocation.

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82235921714?pwd=MjNkRFBjYm83ejNkYUFna0k3eXVmZz09> a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID# 822 3592 1714 and Passcode: str3zk** No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 822 3592 1714 and Passcode: 438388** from a telephone.

Interested persons may join any session to listen, but must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session.

To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to siting.council@ct.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by **July 24, 2023**. To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **July 24, 2023**. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by electronic mail or by regular mail.

Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed electronically with the Council and all parties and intervenors by July 18, 2023.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at siting.council@ct.gov, on or before July 18, 2023.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted after 30 days of the close of the evidentiary record, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be posted on the Council's project webpage and deposited in the City Clerk's Office of the Bridgeport City Hall and the Town Clerk's Office of the Fairfield Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by July 18, 2023.

Information about how the public hearing will be conducted and how the public can access it will be posted on the Council's Docket No. 516 project webpage at the following link:

https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/1_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/Pending-Matters

The applicant is represented by the following:

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A copy of the application is available for review on the Council's website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 516.

April 13, 2023

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