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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 18, 2023

TO: Service List, dated March 17, 2023

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

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.

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Comments have been received from the Connecticut Airport Authority on April 17, 2023. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



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FROM: Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA)

DATE: April 17, 2023

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Dear Distinguished Members of the Connecticut Siting Council and Executive Director Bachman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding Docket No. 516.

While the CAA is pleased to note that the applicant has already coordinated with the FAA regarding the proposed project, it is worth noting several of the conditions noted in the representative samples of the Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation (DNE) filings presented. In certain areas, further documentation must be filed with the FAA if the project is abandoned or within five days after the construction reaches its greatest height. More importantly, it is extremely important that the applicant coordinate with the FAA if any construction equipment is expected to exceed the heights listed in their FAA 7460-1 submittals. Some of the work particularly close to Sikorsky Memorial Airport, and the heights of any equipment must be closely analyzed to ensure the safety of operations near that airport.

The CAA thanks the Council and the applicant for their time and attention regarding matters of aviation safety. Please feel free to contact me directly at 860-292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Airport Authority