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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director MAB

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.

I. Introduction

The application is from The United Illuminating Company (UI) for the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115-kV overhead electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopoles along approximately 7.3 miles of Metro-North Railroad corridor from east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield to Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport and the rebuild of existing overhead electric transmission lines along approximately 0.23 mile of UI right of way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt lines at UI's Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock, and Congress Street Substations in the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield. The project will also consist of related modifications and improvements to other existing facilities. The Town of Westport is within 2,500 feet of the existing facilities.

II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for an Electric and Fuel Transmission Line Facility*, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed preferred and alternate routes, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. The project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) § 16-50l (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the Connecticut Post

(February 17 and February 28, 2023), Fairfield Citizen (February 24 and March 3, 2023), and Westport News (February 24 and March 3, 2023). Electric customer bill inserts describing the proposed project were included in one or more monthly bills to each UI customer within the vicinity of the proposed route for one or more months not earlier than 60 days prior to the filing of the application with the Council.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to CGS §16-50m, the Council must schedule a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. At least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. The Council must also designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. In accordance with CGS § 16-50m and Public Act No. 22-3, staff recommends holding a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on July 25, 2023 and depositing the transcript in the Bridgeport City Hall and the Fairfield Town Hall.

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Enclosure: Schedule



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SCHEDULE

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Application received	03/17/2023
Completeness review	04/13/2023
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-One Filed • Set-One responses due 	TBD TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing - 11:00 a.m.	06/28/2023
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenor	07/11/2023
Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	07/18/2023
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/18/2023
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 516 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	07/25/2023
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	07/25/2023
Close of Public Comment Period	08/24/2023
Draft Findings of Fact	08/31/2023
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/14/2023
Deadline for Decision	03/17/2024

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