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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 Attorney McDermott:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than July 18, 2023.

Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council’s office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council’s office on or before the July 18, 2023 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council’s website under the “Pending Matters” link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: Service List dated March 17, 2023

**Docket No. 516
Pre-Hearing Interrogatories
Set Two**

Project Cost

71. What design considerations have been explored and/or could be implemented to reduce and/or offset life cycle costs?
72. Per page 15 of the Council's Life Cycle Cost Analysis report dated January 5, 2023, costs to obtain permits are included in engineering costs of construction. How much did the supplemental Phase IA Cultural Resources Assessment Survey submitted on June 30, 2023 cost, and has it been factored into engineering costs for the project?

Project Development

73. For a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection General Permit (GP) in the same right-of-way as a previous project, could the GP be revised or is a reapplication required? If either, are new historic preservation and Natural Diversity Database reviews required? Explain.

Environmental Resources

Scenic, Historic and Recreational Resources

74. When does a Cultural Resources Assessment become outdated? How many years? Could a past assessment be used for the same facility site within that timeframe?