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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Melanie Bachman Executive Director/Staff Attorney Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

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 Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Superior Plating Company ("Superior"), in connection with the above-referenced Docket. I am filing this letter in lieu of a brief on behalf of Superior, given that Superior's issues in this Docket are relatively narrow, a full briefing would only serve to tax the Council's limited resources for this docket. I am writing solely to re-emphasize what both Superior and the United Illuminating Company agreed to during the course of these proceedings.

During the evidentiary hearings in this Docket, there were discussions by both witnesses for United Illuminating ("UI") and Superior regarding the pump and treat system to address the historic groundwater contamination at Superior's property, located at 2500 Post Road in Fairfield. During the November 16, 2023 evidentiary hearing, UI indicated that it would be amenable to moving the proposed monopole (monopole 671S) approximately 250 to the west to avoid potential adverse impacts to Superior's groundwater treatment system. Tr. At 148-49. At the December 12, 2023 evidentiary hearing, Superior's witness, Robert Lamonica, indicated that if the monopole was moved 250 feet to the west, there would be no anticipated adverse effects to Superior's groundwater system. Tr. At 252-53.

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If the Council sees fit to approve UI's proposed project in this Docket, Superior respectfully requests that the Council make as a condition to any such approval that monopole 671S be moved approximately 250 feet to the west of its originally proposed location, and that no other monopoles be placed on Superior's property. Superior thanks the Council for its careful deliberations in this matter.

Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me at your convenience. I certify that copies of this submittal have been submitted to all parties on the Docket's Service List as of this date.

Sincerely,

Lee D. Hoffman

Enclosure