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TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 433** – The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8 kilovolt substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road, Shelton, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

This application is from The United Illuminating Company (UI) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV to 13.8-kV substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road in the City of Shelton, Connecticut. The proposed substation would add capacity and improve electric distribution system reliability in UI's Greater Shelton service area. The City of Shelton supports the proposal.

UI proposes to construct the new substation on a vacant, former industrial six acre parcel. The substation would encompass a two-acre area of the parcel. Connecticut Light and Power 115 kV overhead transmission lines cross the western portion of the parcel.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed site, 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. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public regarding the filing of this application was published in The Connecticut Post.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the City of Shelton on January 17, 2013, and depositing the transcript in the Shelton City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	10/03/12
Completeness review	12/13/12
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	10/17/12
• Set-One responses due	11/15/12
• Set-Two Filed	12/12/12
• Set-Two responses due	12/29/12
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	12/19/12
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Hearing Participants	01/03/13
Pre-filed testimony due	01/10/13
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/10/13
Field review (2:00p.m.)	01/17/13
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00p.m.)	01/17/13
Close of Record	02/18/13
Draft Findings of Fact	02/21/13
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/07/13
Deadline for Decision	04/01/13

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