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**Subject:** Siting Council Letter: UI Proposal, 14 Old Stratford Road

January 10, 2013

Linda Roberts, Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Siting Council Docket No.433: United Illuminating Company 115/13.8 kilovolt  
substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road, Shelton, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Roberts:

The Shelton Planning and Zoning Commission has received the above referenced application of the United Illuminating Company requesting Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a proposed 115/13.8 kilovolt substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road.

Based on its review of this application the following background information, observations and recommendations are offered:

1. The subject property contains approximately 6 acres and abuts the Far Mill River to the north and the Route 8 Expressway (Exit 12) to the east.
2. The proposed substation will be situated on the central portion of the site occupying approximately 2 acres. This area will be covered with a trap rock surface along with a paved access drive and surrounded by a 8 foot high chain link fence with barbed wire.
3. The city's 2006 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) designates this area on the Future Land Use Plan as Office/Light Industrial and Open Space along the immediate edge of the Far Mill River.
4. The city's 2006 POCD also recommends goals and objectives dealing with public utility infrastructure that will "ensure adequate public utilities to meet anticipated needs, ensure a healthy community and support desired development patterns.
5. The adjacent Far Mill River is an important natural resource within the community and is stocked with fish annually by DEEP. Accordingly, appropriate measures should be taken to continue to allow fishermen to walk along the edge of the watercourse without encountering any manmade barriers. Visitor parking spaces should be provided to accommodate anglers and walkers visiting this watercourse.

6. The southbound Exit 12 ramp off of the Route 8 Expressway is the city's gateway to the corporate park located off of Commerce Drive which is a short drive to the west. Every effort should be made to adequately screen from view any chain link fencing with barbed wire. The unused portion of the property should be maintained as a conservation area consisting of native plant material. The proposed steel mono poles to be installed range in height from 50 feet to 95 feet and will be visible from all view sheds.

Thank you for allowing the Commission to share its thoughts and comments on this proposal.

The Commission and Staff look forward in attending the January 17<sup>th</sup> public hearing at Shelton City Hall.

Sincerely,

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Planning and Zoning Administrator

cc: Mayor Mark Lauretti  
Shelton Planning and Zoning Commission  
Shelton Conservation Commission  
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