



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 465** – 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 (kV) replacement substation facility located on an approximately 1.5 acre portion of two adjoining UI-owned parcels directly adjacent to UI's existing Baird Substation, 1770 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements.

### I. Introduction

The application is from The United Illuminating Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8-kilovolt replacement substation in the Town of Stratford to address several contingency and aging infrastructure needs at the existing Baird Substation. The project would include related transmission structure and interconnection improvements.

### II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for an Electric Substation Facility*, including relevant maps, a description of the proposed facility, 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. This project would not require an outside consultant.

### III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in The Stratford Star and Connecticut Post on November 5, 2015, November 12, 2015, December 10, 2015, and December 17, 2015.

### 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 Town of Stratford on Thursday, February 25, 2016, and depositing the transcript in the Stratford Town Hall.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule