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Application from the United Illuminating Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility

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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT 1 CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL 2 3 Docket No. 465 4 5 Application from the United Illuminating Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility 6 7 and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of a 115/13.8-Kilovolt Replacement 8 9 Substation Facility Located On an Approximately 1.5 Acre Portion of Two Adjoining UI-Owned Parcels 10 11 Directly Adjacent to UI's Existing Baird Substation, 1770 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, 12 13 Connecticut, and Related Transmission Structure 14 and Interconnection Improvements 15 Siting Council Meeting held at the Stratford 16 Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2725 Main Street, 17 18 Stratford, Connecticut, Thursday, February 25, 2016, beginning at 3:00 p.m. 19 20 21 Held Before: 22 ROBIN STEIN, Chairman 23 24 25

Appearances: Council Members: SEN. JAMES J. MURPHY, JR., Vice Chairman ROBERT HANNON, DEEP Designee COMM. MICHAEL A. CARON PURA Designee DANIEL P. LYNCH, JR. Council Staff: MELANIE BACHMAN, ESQ., Executive Director and Staff Attorney MICHAEL PERRONE Siting Analyst

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I'll do my best to peer 2 over. 3 Apparently the people in Stratford are of much greater height than the Chairman is, but I'll 4 5 do my best. This hearing of the Connecticut 6 Siting Council is called to order today, Thursday, 7 February 25, 2016, at 3 p.m. My name is Robin 8 Stein. I'm Chairman of the Connecticut Siting 9 Council. 10 11 Other members of the Council 12 present are Senator Murphy, our Vice Chairman; 13 Mr. Hannon, our designee from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Commissioner 14 15 Caron, designee from the Public Utilities 16 Regulatory Authority; and Mr. Lynch. Members of the staff present are 17 Attorney Melanie Bachman, our Executive Director 18 Staff Attorney; and Mr. Perrone, our siting 19 20 analyst. This hearing is held pursuant to 21 the provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut 22 23 General Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative 24 Procedure Act upon an Application of the United 25 Illuminating company for a certificate of

1 environmental compatibility and public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 2 115-13.8-kilovolt replacement substation facility 3 located on an approximately 1.5-acre portion of 4 two adjoining UI-owned parcels directly adjacent 5 to UI's existing Baird Substation at 1770 6 7 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut, as well as related transmission structures and 8 interconnection improvements. This application 9 10 was received by the Council on December 21, 2015. As a reminder to all, 11 off-the-record communication with a member of the 12 13 Council or a member of the Council's staff upon the merits of this application is prohibited by 14 15 law. The parties and intervenors at the 16 17 moment are the applicant, UI; and also intervener, 18 the Office of Consumer Counsel. 19 We will proceed in accordance with 20 the prepared agenda, copies of which are available here. Also available are copies of Council's 21 Citizen Guide to Siting Council Procedures. 22 They're over at the door to my left, or near 23 24 there. 25 At the end of this afternoon's

session we will have an evidentiary session. 1 We will recess and resume again at 7 p.m. for the 2 public comment session. The 7 p.m. public comment 3 session will be reserved for the public to make 4 5 brief oral statements into the record. I wish to note that parties and 6 7 intervenors, including their representatives and 8 witnesses are not allowed to participate in the 9 public comment session. I also wish to note for those who 10 are here and for the benefit of your friends and 11 neighbors who are unable to join us for the public 12 13 comment session, that you or they may send written statements to the Council within 30 days of the 14 15 date hereof and such written statements will be 16 given the same weight as if spoken at the hearing. 17 If necessary, party and intervener presentations 18 may continue after the public comment session -if needed. 19 20 A verbatim transcript will be made of this hearing and deposited with the town 21 clerk's office in Stratford for the convenience of 22 the public. 23 24 We do have a motion. The Town of 25 Stratford had filed a motion for party status

dated February 19, 2016. Staff recommends 1 approval. Do I have a motion? 2 SEN. MURPHY: So moved, Mr. 3 Chairman, that the Town of Stratford's motion to 4 5 be familiar party status be granted. COMM. CARON: Second. 6 7 THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion and 8 a second. All those in favor signify by saying, 9 aye. 10 THE COUNCIL: Aye. 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, abstention? The motion carries. 12 I wish to call your attention to 13 those items shown on the hearing program marked as 14 15 Roman numeral 1D, items one through 58. Does the 16 applicant or any party or intervener have any objection to the items that the Council has 17 18 administratively noticed? 19 MR. MORRISSEY: The applicant has 20 no objections, Mr. Chairman. 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Accordingly, the Council hereby 22 23 administratively notices these existing documents, 24 statements and comments. 25 And we'll now go to the appearance

1 by the applicant. Would you present your witness panel for the purposes of taking the oath? 2 MR. MORRISSEY: Mr. Chairman, I'm 3 not sure if the Town of Stratford is here, but do 4 5 you want to make an availability for them to have a public comment? 6 7 THE CHAIRMAN: They can comment 8 whenever they want. I don't know if -- from the 9 Town, yes. Please. 10 CHRISTOPHER TYMNIAK: How are you? Hello. My name is Chris Tymniak. I'm the Chief 11 Administrative Officer for the Town of Stratford. 12 13 I want to thank you for coming today and thank you for having this hearing in Stratford. 14 15 I hope everybody had a good site tour and saw in Stratford where the plan is going 16 I want to let you know that this is a 17 to go. 18 substation which we're excited to have and welcome here into Stratford. Our relationship with UI has 19 been fantastic. They're a great community partner 20 and this is something we definitely look forward 21 22 to seeing move forward. 23 Thank you very much. THE CHAIRMAN: We're glad to be here. We were told that we could 24 25 not detour to the facility that was adjacent. So

1 maybe after. Maybe. So now will you, I guess, first 2 3 introduce your panel and then have them take the oath? 4 5 MR. MORRISSEY: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. My name is James Morrisey. I'm an 6 7 attorney for UIL Holdings Corporation. I represent the applicant, the United Illuminating 8 Company. I'd like to start by having the panel 9 introduce themselves. 10 RONALD ROSSETTI: Ronald Rossetti, 11 Director of Engineering at UI. 12 13 MATTHEW CLOUD: Matthew Cloud, transmission and substation engineer. 14 15 DAVID BRADT: Dave Bradt, Director 16 of Transmission Planning. SAMANTHA MARONE: Samantha Marone, 17 permitting and public outreach. 18 19 TONY BUCCHERI: Tony Buccheri, Director of Transmission Substation Project 20 21 Management. 22 SHAWN CROSBIE: Shawn Crosbie, environmental analyst, UIL Holdings Corporation. 23 24 MIKE LIBERTINE: Hi. Mike Libertine with All-Points Technology. 25 I'm a

consultant working on the project. 1 STEPHEN WRIGHT: Stephen Wright, 2 Black & Veatch, civil site engineer. 3 KYLE ECKERT: Kyle Eckert, GHD 4 5 Services, consultant. JEFFREY LAMBERT: Jeff Lambert, GHD 6 7 Services, consultant. 8 DAVID LORD: David Lord, Soil 9 Resource Consultants, consultant. WILLIAM BAILEY: William Bailey 10 from Exponent, consultant. 11 12 RYAN BAKER: Ryan Baker, acoustical specialist for Black & Veatch. 13 14 MR. MORRISSEY: Thank you, 15 Mr. Chairman. We have one witness that -- one consultant for UI that just introduced themselves, 16 but they're not actually a witness. They're here 17 18 as support. That is Stephen Wright. So I just want to make sure of that, to clarify that. 19 Otherwise, the witnesses that we submitted in our 20 prefiling, they are available to be sworn. 21 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Please rise. 23 24 25

1 SAMANTHA MARONE, 2 MATTHEW CLOUD, RONALD ROSSETTI, 3 SHAWN CROSBIE, 4 5 DAVID BRADT, TONY BUCCHERI, 6 7 WILLIAM BAILEY, 8 DAVID LORD, 9 RYAN BAKER, 10 MIKE LIBERTINE, КҮLЕ ECKERT, 11 12 JEFFREY LAMBERT, 13 called as witnesses, being first duly sworn by the Executive Director, were examined and 14 15 testified on their oaths as follows: THE CHAIRMAN: Would you continue 16 by numbering the exhibits of the filing you've 17 18 made in a matter in making the request to 19 administratively notice the documents and verifying and -- well, I hope that doesn't take 20 21 all afternoon, but go ahead. MR. MORRISSEY: I don't believe 22 23 that. I think we should be able to get through 24 this rather quickly. We have, for the exhibits we 25 have the application along with all of the bulk

file. We have Exhibit 2, applicant's responses to 1 Council interrogatories; Exhibit 3, applicant's 2 prehearing submission, All-Points Technology 3 supplemental aerial overlay; and Exhibit 4, 4 5 applicant's affidavit of sign posting, dated February 19, 2016. 6 7 And if we could get them into the record, Mr. Rossetti, did you supervise, prepare 8 9 or assist in the preparation of UI Exhibits 1 10 through 4? 11 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, I did. 12 13 MR. MORRISSEY: Do you have any corrections or modifications? 14 15 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, I do. 16 MR. MORRISSEY: Do you want to start with number one? 17 18 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, I will. The first correction will be appendix E of 19 20 the application in the visual analysis report, on page 10 of 27. 21 I'd like to strike this from the 22 report because it is labeled, proposed changes, as 23 24 it includes changes not proposed as part of this 25 application. UI did submit a supplemental aerial

1 overlay to eliminate any confusion. 2 MR. MORRISSEY: Do you have any 3 others? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, I do. 4 The next one is in appendix G of the application 5 under electric and magnetic fields assessment. 6 On 7 pages 33 through 40, towards the end of the report in the figures 11 to 18, the labels should read, 8 9 June 4, 2015, and not June 30, 2015. 10 MR. MORRISSEY: Any others? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes. 11 12 The -- in appendix K of the application under the 13 habitat assessment for the northern long-eared bat Baird Substation expansion 717 Stratford Avenue, 14 15 Stratford, Connecticut, in paragraph 1, page 2, we state that the wetland is 652 square feet in size, 16 but the actual size based on the wetland 17 18 delineation report dated 10/22 is 664 square feet. 19 MR. MORRISSEY: Do you have any 20 other corrections? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, the 21 22 last one. On interrogatory number 12, the wetlands functions and values assessment, Baird 23 Substation project 717 -- 1770 Stratford Avenue, 24 25 Stratford, on page 2, the first paragraph, it says

the initial site investigation occurred on 1 April 14, 2016. The initial site investigation 2 actually occurred on April 14, 2015. 3 MR. MORRISSEY: 4 Thank you, 5 Mr. Rossetti. With those corrections are 6 7 Exhibits 1 through 4 true and accurate to the best 8 of your knowledge? 9 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, they 10 are. 11 MR. MORRISSEY: And do you adopt 12 them as your testimony here today? 13 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, I do. MR. MORRISSEY: Mr. Chairman, I 14 15 offer Exhibits 1 through 4 as full exhibits. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection? 17 18 (No response.) 19 THE CHAIRMAN: If not, they are admitted as part of the record. 20 21 MR. MORRISSEY: And we have no 22 additional administrative notice requests. 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. So we'll 24 now begin cross-examination first by staff, 25 Mr. Perrone.

1 MR. PERRONE: Thank you, 2 Mr. Chairman. I understand the application was 3 received on December 21, 2015. On January 8, 4 5 2016, the Council received a notification of change in ownership letter for the United 6 Illuminating Company versus UI Holdings 7 8 Corporation. My question is, would that affect 9 this docket by changing the legal name of the applicant from the United Illuminating Company to 10 UIL Holdings Corporation? 11 12 MR. MORRISSEY: I think I can take 13 that one. I think there might be some 14 15 confusion. The applicant's name is not changing from the United Illuminating Company. So I do not 16 believe that that name change request will impact 17 18 this docket. 19 MR. PERRONE: Okay. So if this project is approved, the certificate holder name 20 would still be the United Illuminating Company? 21 MR. MORRISSEY: 22 That's correct. 23 MR. PERRONE: Okay. Approximately 24 when does UI expect that the roundabout would be 25 constructed and how, if any, would the timeline

affect the construction of the substation? 1 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Currently 2 the roundabout is still in design mode from the 3 city -- or the Town of Stratford. We have 4 5 coordinated with them with our design plans for the new substation and as soon as the design 6 7 plans -- we will collaborate and cooperate with 8 the Town of Stratford and include those with any 9 changes that are necessary. But we have been working with the 10 Town of Stratford to incorporate any changes in 11 the design of our substation and with any 12 conflicts with the roundabout. 13 14 MR. PERRONE: And turning to the --15 THE CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. We 16 have a follow-up question from Mr. Lynch. MR. LYNCH: Yeah. With regards to 17 18 the roundabout, what role does the Connecticut Department of Transportation play within that? 19 20 And if they do, is that in their queue for anything that's relatively soon? 21 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): So we will 22 have to get permits from the DOT, obviously, if 23 24 there's any changes with our underground 25 infrastructure moving --

1 MR. LYNCH: No. My real question was, is the roundabout part of the Connecticut 2 DOT's -- is it one of their projects that they're 3 doing for the Town with regards to, you know, the 4 5 construction? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): I do not 6 7 know that answer. 8 MR. LYNCH: Thank you. 9 MR. MORRISSEY: We can try to get 10 that answer at the break. And if there's a resumption of the evidentiary hearing maybe we 11 could read it into the record later this evening. 12 13 MR. LYNCH: The reason I ask is that I wanted to know if it's a DOT project or 14 15 it's a Town of Stratford project. And having done 16 it with the DOT, I know they take a little bit longer than the towns do. 17 18 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): The roundabout, that is on a state road and that's 19 20 funded by the State, by the DOT and that's a project for the Town of Stratford. 21 22 MR. PERRONE: And now turning to, in the prefiled there is the supplemental aerial 23 24 overlay, the proposed changes and final 25 configuration. Just slightly north of the

roundabout there's a clearing between there and 1 the substation fence. If any landscaping is 2 3 proposed is that where the landscaping would likely be located? 4 5 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, that is -- that is correct. 6 7 MR. PERRONE: Okay. And the sheet before that, the proposed changes, that has the 8 most up-to-date configuration as far as which 9 monopoles are proposed, versus the petition 1176? 10 11 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, that 12 is correct. 13 MR. PERRONE: Okay. What kinds of work would have to be done to the existing 14 15 substation and in order to convert it to a training facility? 16 THE WITNESS (Cloud): The planned 17 work at the existing station would be minimal. 18 19 There would be some removal of some existing equipment, and including the incoming transmission 20 structures on the exterior of the fence -- would 21 be removed in all the conductors entering the 22 23 substation. But most of the equipment within the 24 existing substation would remain and work there 25 would be minimal besides regular maintenance and

1 upkeep. MR. PERRONE: Okay. And you would 2 disconnect it on the transmission and the 3 distribution side? 4 5 THE WITNESS (Cloud): That is 6 correct. 7 MR. PERRONE: Where do you 8 currently perform substation training? Do you 9 have another facility in Connecticut or somewhere 10 else? 11 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): No, 12 presently we do not have another training facility 13 to -- to do that. That's why we thought this was 14 an opportunity to use the existing substation as a 15 training facility. 16 MR. PERRONE: There is a letter 17 from the Department of Energy and Environmental 18 Protection dated April 14th, and it mentions no impacts to state listed species. And I also 19 understand that critical habitat was not found for 20 21 the northern long-eared bat. 22 So just to be clear, are there any 23 other federally listed species in the vicinity of 24 the project? 25 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): I would

like to call up our environmental witness, Shawn 1 Crosbie. Mr. Crosbie, can you respond to that 2 3 please? THE WITNESS (Crosbie): 4 Shawn Crosbie, environmental analyst, UIL holdings 5 Corporation. 6 7 Based on correspondence from the 8 agency, no, there's not. 9 MR. PERRONE: Okay. And I also understand that in the DEEP letter it mentions 10 that the determination would expire on April 14, 11 2016. If the substation project is approved would 12 13 UI seek an updated determination? And if so, could that be included in the D and M plan? 14 15 THE WITNESS (Crosbie): Yes, it could. 16 MR. PERRONE: 17 Okay. And with that 18 plan could you also include any wildlife protection measures that may be suggested? 19 20 THE WITNESS (Crosbie): Yes, we 21 could. 22 MR. PERRONE: Okay. I understand 23 that the transformer insulating oil would be 24 mineral oil. So that's basically -- is that a petroleum based oil and avoids the use of PCBs? 25

THE WITNESS (Rossetti): 1 There is 2 no PCBs in that. We call it a dielectric fluid. 3 MR. PERRONE: Okay. In response to interrogatory 12, that's the one where the wetland 4 5 location relative to the proposed substation is indicated in the drawing. And given that layout 6 7 could you explain why the wetland -- why you cannot avoid filling the wetland? 8 9 THE WITNESS (Cloud): The equipment that's placed over the wetland is sufficiently 10 inside the yard to make it difficult to avoid the 11 12 wetland. Directly over the top of the wetland is 13 a bus support structure and corresponding bus at 26 feet. So it is very much within the substation 14 15 perimeter. Mr. Hannon has a 16 THE CHAIRMAN: 17 follow-up question. 18 MR. HANNON: This one is directed to Mr. Lord. I think it's a relatively simple 19 20 answer. But I think part of the issue with 21 22 the wetlands in looking at it today, it looks as 23 though most of that area leading up to the 24 wetlands is probably an urban fill material, and 25 that may be the last sort of small pocket of land

that hasn't been filled. Is that a reasonable 1 2 assumption? 3 THE WITNESS (Lord): Yes, that is a correct assumption. It is an urban fill 4 5 situation. MR. HANNON: Okay. Thank you. 6 7 MR. PERRONE: Back to environmental 8 for a moment. On the long-eared bat habitat 9 assessment it notes that there's about .73 acres of trees currently at the site. Would 10 approximately all of that acreage be cleared? Or 11 do you know approximately the tree clearing area? 12 THE WITNESS (Crosbie): That is 13 The whole area would be cleared. correct. 14 15 MR. PERRONE: Okay. So it would be 16 essentially all of that? 17 THE WITNESS (Crosbie): 18 Essentially, yes. 19 MR. PERRONE: What's the approximate current ground elevation of the center 20 of the substation site, existing? 21 THE WITNESS (Cloud): Approximately 22 13 feet in the NAVD 88 datum. 23 24 MR. PERRONE: Okay. And you would 25 try to more or less maintain that. You're not

1 really raising or lowering the substation. Is that correct? 2 3 THE WITNESS (Cloud): That is 4 correct. 5 MR. PERRONE: Okay. Getting into visibility a little bit, I understand that the 6 7 homes to the north on the opposite side of the 8 tracks -- we went out there in the field. They appear to be at a higher elevation. And my 9 10 question is, if you knew ballpark, about how much higher that area is? 11 THE WITNESS (Libertine): Hi. 12 Mike 13 Libertine. Yes, that's about 38 feet approximately at a higher elevation using ground 14 15 level to ground level. 16 In the supplemental information on 17 visibility behind Exhibit E, actually there's a 18 photograph that -- and a schematic photo one, which was taken from essentially the east end of 19 20 Jackson Avenue. It gives a pretty good indication of today what the existing conditions are in terms 21 22 of that elevation change. We've also -- if you look two pages later, we provided a profile just 23 to give an idea of what that grade change is. 24 25 MR. PERRONE: And generally

qualitatively assessing, is having the homes at a higher elevation, does that somewhat reduce the issue impact because you would be looking over the substation?

5 THE WITNESS (Libertine): I think from near view certainly along Jackson Avenue that 6 7 would be the case. I'd make a pretty good 8 analogy, actually where we're sending today, 9 looking out the window gives you kind of about the same perspective, and there is a flagpole. 10 So again, your eye tends to go towards the horizon. 11 So I think it's a fairly good analogy. So I would 12 13 say yeah, in general that would be the case. 14 MR. PERRONE: Okay. 15 THE WITNESS (Libertine): I'd 16 also -- I might add that the views really of the new substation are limited to that eastern end. 17 18 As you start moving west along Jackson Avenue there are homes. Now obviously, from the road 19 20 itself, those homes block views, but as you do move west there's significant infrastructure along 21 22 the railroad tracks and elsewhere, so that again, your eye is not drawn to those areas. 23 24 And as was put on the record 25 earlier, the existing substation has two fairly

tall transmission structures. Those will be 1 removed. So essentially what is there today is 2 shifting a little bit to the east from what you 3 4 see. 5 MR. PERRONE: And one other question if you happen to know. Is the substation 6 7 site located near an important bird area? 8 THE WITNESS (Libertine): That 9 might be Shawn's. THE WITNESS (Crosbie): As far as 10 11 we have on record, no. 12 MR. PERRONE: And back to 13 substation elevation briefly, would any cut at the site be used as fill? And what would happen with 14 15 any excess cut? How would that be disposed of? THE WITNESS (Crosbie): Mr. 16 17 Perrone, could you just repeat the question, 18 please? MR. PERRONE: 19 Sure. In response to interrogatory 27 the amounts of cut and fill were 20 provided. I was just wondering if the cut 21 material would be used on site as fill? 22 23 THE WITNESS (Crosbie): So some of 24 the cut material would be reused based on the 25 pre-characterization that was performed. The

material that was -- did not meet solid waste 1 standards for Connecticut would be shipped off 2 site. 3 MR. PERRONE: UI also noted in 4 5 interrogatory 17 that notice to the FAA is required and would be provided at least 45 days 6 prior to construction. If the project is approved 7 8 could a copy of such notice be provided to the 9 Council? 10 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, it 11 could. Also the Connecticut 12 MR. PERRONE: 13 Department of Transportation submitted comments dated February 8th. Would UI also apply for an 14 15 encroachment permit for any work performed within 16 the state right-of-way? 17 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, we 18 would. 19 MR. PERRONE: Okay. Getting into substation design a little bit, I understand 20 14 feeders would leave the proposed replacement 21 substation. Is that the same amount of feeders 22 23 that's currently hooked to the existing 24 substation? Currently 25 THE WITNESS (Rossetti):

at the existing Baird Substation we have 16 1 feeders or circuits leaving. But you are correct 2 in that the new substation will have 14 feeders 3 leaving with two spare positions. So it will have 4 5 the same amount of positions. We are consolidating some of our circuits. 6 7 MR. PERRONE: Okay. And that would 8 go underground under Stratford Ave, generally? 9 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Leaving the substation, that is correct. 10 11 MR. PERRONE: Okay. Turning to the 12 noise report, just probably a minor technical correction. 13 On page 14 of the noise report, it 14 15 mentions projected sound levels for Two Roads 16 Brewery and the Savings Auto Center. I believe 17 for Two Roads Brewery it says 548. I was just 18 wondering if that was just a typo, and 48 was 19 attended? 20 THE WITNESS (Baker): Can you 21 repeat the page number please? 22 MR. PERRONE: Page 14 of the noise report. 23 24 THE WITNESS (Baker): And the 25 question please?

1 MR. PERRONE: Okay. The paragraph above the drawing, the second to the last 2 sentence, I believe, anticipated to be 548 dBA and 3 43 dBA. I was just wondering if the 548 was a 4 5 typo, and if so, what the intended number was. THE WITNESS (Baker): Yes, that is 6 7 a typo. It should be 48 dBA. 8 MR. PERRONE: Okay. On pages 62 9 and 63 of the application UI discusses the 10 substation lighting plans. If approved, could the final lighting design be included in the D and M 11 12 plan? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, it 13 could. We will. 14 15 MR. PERRONE: Now I'm going to move 16 to the EMF report. Turning to page 9 of that report, 17 18 figure 4. My understanding is the nearest home is the one just south of Jackson Avenue and closest 19 20 to the proposed substation. So that basically it's the square closest to the right-of-way. 21 Is 22 that right? 23 THE WITNESS (Bailey): That's 24 correct. 25 MR. PERRONE: Okay. And when staff

1 was looking at this we were comparing profiles seven and eight as they occur on -- hold on one 2 second -- as that data is provided on page 28. 3 But is it true that profile seven 4 5 and profile eight, they start at a different point so the zero foot point is different for those two? 6 THE WITNESS (Bailey): 7 That is 8 correct. 9 MR. PERRONE: So that being Okay. 10 the case, if we're interested in the magnetic field levels both pre and post for the home that's 11 12 170 feet away, as an approximation would we use 13 profile seven, or do you have more specific numbers pre and post for the closest home magnetic 14 15 fields? THE WITNESS (Bailey): I think the 16 17 one to use would be profile eight. 18 MR. PERRONE: Okay. Now if you use profile eight my other question would be, since 19 the zero foot mark is based on the existing Baird 20 Substation it wouldn't be as simple as to just 21 look at it 170 feet. Right? 22 23 THE WITNESS (Bailey): That's 24 correct. 25 MR. PERRONE: Okay. So there's a

shift or a difference between the two. So where 1 about would we end up on profile eight for that 2 home? 3 THE WITNESS (Bailey): I believe 4 5 that shift would be closer to 200 feet plus. MR. PERRONE: So as an 6 7 approximation, it would be about 4.6 milligauss 8 pre and 15 milligauss post? 9 THE WITNESS (Bailey): Correct. 10 MR. PERRONE: And we would use that same profile for finding the magnetic fields just 11 12 generally in the residential area at about 200 feet? 13 14 THE WITNESS (Bailey): Yes. 15 MR. PERRONE: Okay. All set on 16 EMF. Thank you. THE WITNESS (Bailey): Thank you. 17 18 MR. PERRONE: Okay. This goes into substation reliability. I understand that you 19 have two transmission lines that basically loop 20 through. So that essentially gives you the four 21 22 circuits. Is that right? 23 THE WITNESS (Bradt): That's 24 So there's two circuits along the correct. 25 railroad corridor. They loop in and out and

1 they're separated by a breaker, giving you four, 2 yes. 3 MR. PERRONE: Okay. So with that configuration if you were to lose any of those 4 circuits the substation could still operate? 5 THE WITNESS (Bradt): Yes. We --6 7 we study for the loss of any one or two elements and a circuit could be considered an element. 8 9 Yes. 10 MR. PERRONE: Okay. So any one or two out of that four potentially? 11 12 THE WITNESS (Bradt): That's 13 correct. 14 Okay. And this is MR. PERRONE: 15 more about the parcels and zoning and everything. 16 I understand the two parcels add up to 3.5 acres. So you basically have an eastern parcel of 1.8 and 17 18 a western of 1.7. How does it break down on the 19 3.5? 20 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): That is 21 correct. 22 MR. PERRONE: And they're both at 23 the 1770 Stratford Ave? 24 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): The whole 25 complex is part of 1770 Stratford Avenue. That is

1 correct.

MR. PERRONE: Because I understand 2 in the application it mentioned dual zoning. 3 So you have both industrial and commercial zoning. 4 5 Is that correct? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): We'll have 6 7 to check back on that. I'm not positive. I'm not sure about that. I believe it's industrial, 8 subject to check. I believe it's industrial and 9 10 commercial. That's subject to check. 11 MR. PERRONE: And let's see. 12 Lastly, I understand there's an 80-foot 13 communications pole in the proposal. Could you explain what that's used for, how that works? 14 15 THE WITNESS (Cloud): Yes, that 16 80-foot communication pole is for communication to UI's metering infrastructure. 17 18 MR. PERRONE: Are those send-only antennas, or send-and-receive? 19 THE WITNESS (Cloud): They are --20 they are receive, send and receive. 21 THE WITNESS (Bradt): Mr. Perrone, 22 I apologize. I just need to make a correction on 23 24 one statement I said. I told you that any two of 25 those lines of those four -- I believe I implied

that the load would remain served. And there's 1 actually a scenario where we could lose two of 2 those lines and drop the -- and loose the Baird 3 Substation load, but it's considered a tolerable 4 5 event. So --MR. PERRONE: Okay. Thank you. 6 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lynch has a 8 follow-up. 9 MR. LYNCH: I just didn't hear the second to the last answer. Were those immediate 10 antennas that were -- that you're referring to, to 11 12 Mr. Perrone on the pole. You said they were 13 metering antennas. I just didn't hear it properly. That's all. 14 15 THE WITNESS (Cloud): They are 16 communication for our -- our meters. Yes. MR. LYNCH: That's all I was 17 18 clarifying. Thank you. 19 MR. PERRONE: And lastly, on the communication pole topic, the emissions from those 20 antennas would still meet the FCC OET bulletin 21 22 limits for power density? 23 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): I am not 24 prepared to answer that at this time. 25 MR. PERRONE: That's okay. Ι

1 withdrawal that.

Thank you. That's all I have. 2 Thank you. Now 3 THE CHAIRMAN: we'll continue with any questions from the 4 5 Council. Senator Murphy. 6 SEN. MURPHY: Thank you, 7 Mr. Chairman. 8 In the application on page 25 you 9 indicate that the alternatives considered in light 10 of doing what you're doing in this application -actually you indicate there are five choices. 11 The 12 first one, I guess, is not a choice at all. And 13 so in the next page and a half you discuss these four alternatives and come to the conclusion that 14 the decision is to file this application. 15 16 And in making this analysis, did 17 you put together any ballpark figures as to the 18 other alternatives, the relocate replacement and vice versa and in-kind replacement? Was anything 19 20 put together on the numbers? I mean, we've got a project before us that's 30 and a half mill --21 million dollars? 22 So --23 THE WITNESS (Cloud): So we did do 24 a conceptual design and estimated for the in-kind 25 upgrade of the substation. Would you like that in

1 the cost? SEN. MURPHY: What did you get for 2 3 a figure on that? THE WITNESS (Cloud): The total 4 cost for that in-kind upgrade was estimated at 5 \$36.9 million. 6 Uh-huh. And did you 7 SEN. MURPHY: 8 do any computation on the other two which is the 9 reverse of the rebuild and relocate? THE WITNESS (Cloud): To clarify, 10 are you referring to the rebuild 115 transmission 11 12 bus, those two alternatives that are listed there? 13 SEN. MURPHY: Right. Yeah, they're back end. 14 15 THE WITNESS (Cloud): We did do a 16 cursory design review of those alternatives, but found they would not be feasible to address all of 17 18 the issues that we found. 19 SEN. MURPHY: Okay. And in your discussion and contemplation as to coming to 20 your -- in reaching your conclusion, what weight 21 22 do you give to the interruption of service if you don't do what you're doing now, if you can rate 23 24 that? 25 THE WITNESS (Cloud): Yeah, the

reliability exposure to the customers fed from the
substation was absolutely part of our
consideration. The duration for an in-kind
upgrade construction and cutover time was
anticipated to be approximately six months longer
than a full replacement.
So in that sense, there is an

8 obvious increase in exposure as the construction 9 duration is increased significantly in that 10 upgrade. So that is certainly something that we did consider during that alternative review. 11 12 SEN. MURPHY: So in your 36.9 13 in-kind, it really comes out to be more than redoing -- putting in a new station, which is 14 15 before us here today? 16 THE WITNESS (Cloud): Yes, that is what our -- our alternative investigation found, 17 18 predominately because of that increased construction duration the increased hazards with 19 20 working inside of an energized facility while it continues to serve load, among other reasons. 21 SEN. MURPHY: And in order to 22 upgrade the present facility and in order to use 23 24 it for training, any ballpark figure as to what 25 you might expend to do that to make it reasonably

1 safe for training purposes? Or is that down the 2 road? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): I mean, 3 that would be down the road. But -- if that's 4 5 okay, but we do plan on -- we do plan on maintaining that. 6 7 SEN. MURPHY: If you don't have it 8 now, that's fine. I just thought I'd ask. But I 9 feel it might be down the road. THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yeah, down 10 the road. It would be in the ballpark of about a 11 couple hundred thousand dollars and then we would 12 13 maintain that property as well moving forward. 14 SEN. MURPHY: Okay. Relatively 15 speaking it's an inconsequential in a million 16 dollars? THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes. 17 18 SEN. MURPHY: All right. I have nothing else, Mr. Chairman at this time. 19 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 21 Mr. Hannon? 22 MR. HANNON: Thank you, 23 Mr. Chairman. I do have some questions. They're 24 more technical in nature, because I'm a little 25 confused with some of the things I found in the

documents. I'm just trying to get some of them
clarified. My first question actually bounces
around to four different pages.

On page 2 there's a comment that 4 5 three of the poles are part of the previously approved project. I understand that. On page 34 6 7 you make a similar statement that three of these 8 monopoles were previously approved and submitted 9 to the Council under UI Petition 1176. Then on 10 page 40, this modification -- it's the second paragraph. This modification necessitates a 11 12 change in the location of four of approved poles. 13 So that is part of the question.

And then -- but also diving into that, and just so I am sure, in looking at the map behind DR3, I mean, that identifies five poles associated with the PE-1176. I just want to make sure I know which polls are associated with which project?

THE WITNESS (Cloud): Perhaps I can provide some clarification. There are the three poles that are shifted as part of the relocation of the substation to the west. Those are the two poles north of the substation site. One pole north of the railroad tracks.

1 The fourth pole referenced here is actually by the existing Baird Substation and 2 covered under petition 1176. And that one will 3 also be moved, but it's not as a consequence as a 4 shift in the substation. That is just a planned 5 shift by that project under 1176. 6 7 MR. HANNON: Okay. I wanted to make sure, because we had threes in some spots and 8 four in another one. And then I see five poles 9 identified with 1176. 10 THE WITNESS (Cloud): Yeah, I could 11 12 see where that could be confusing. 13 MR. HANNON: On page 34, 35 --THE WITNESS (Cloud): Mr. Hannon, 14 15 we have a visual on what was just being discussed. MR. HANNON: Well, that's so I had 16 17 a little bit of understanding, you know, in the site today. But I would appreciate it if you can 18 go forward to that. 19 THE WITNESS (Cloud): 20 These three poles are located here -- are shifted because of 21 the substation shift. The fourth pole that's 22 referenced is actually this pole right here, which 23 24 is part of the petition 1176. But it is not being 25 shifted because of the change in the substation

1 session.

2 MR. HANNON: Okay. All right. 3 Thank you. On page 34 and 35, the last 4 5 paragraph on page 34, kind of rolling over onto 35, you identify, you know, a number of the poles, 6 7 but the third item is one pole northeast of the 8 existing railroad catenary structure to support 9 the new transmission conductors. Is that the communication pole? 10 11 THE WITNESS (Cloud): I'm sorry. 12 Could you repeat the section and the page number, 13 please? 14 MR. HANNON: Okay. It's 15 actually -- my question is at the top of page 35 16 where it talks about, as well as one monopole northeast of the existing railroad catenary 17 18 structure to support the new transmission conductors. And I just want to make sure that 19 that is the communication pole? 20 THE WITNESS (Cloud): Yes, I'll use 21 22 the visual again to clarify. 23 So the monopole that that is 24 referring to is -- is this pole here, which is 25 required for the standard for this monopole back

1 to the existing catenary structure for the 2 transmission line.

3 MR. HANNON: Okay. Thank you. And I guess part of the reason why 4 5 I had a question on this is that at the end of the second paragraph on page 35 it says, additionally 6 7 an 80-foot communication pole will be located on the west side of the site to provide communication 8 9 between the station, UI's distribution infrastructure. And I don't see anything on the 10 west side of the site. 11 12 So I'm just wondering if that should be on the east side of the site? 13 MR. MORRISSEY: Mr. Chairman, just 14 15 for the record, this drawing that we're 16 referencing is in our supplemental filing. It's Exhibit 3. 17 18 THE WITNESS (Cloud): So the -- the referenced 80-foot communication pole is located 19 20 here. It is a wooden pole, unlike the monopoles which are galvanized steel. 21 22 MR. HANNON: And the reason I was asking was because the only 80-foot poles I saw 23 24 identified on any of the maps, one was a

25 communication pole which is northeast of the site

1 and the other one is the pole that is over by the brewery. Okay. Thank you. 2 And I know in the -- in appendix D 3 dealing with the sound levels, the way the 4 5 language is in there is the sound levels should not exceed, whether it's the 45 dBA along 6 7 residential and 62 dBA along commercial zoning. 8 What happens if it does? 9 THE WITNESS (Baker): My apologies. 10 Could you repeat the question? 11 MR. HANNON: Sure. In appendix D 12 there's a statement that says sound levels should 13 not exceed 45 dBA along residential zoning, and sound levels should not exceed 62 dBA along 14 15 commercial zoning. Seeing the words, "should not," I'm 16 just curious as to what would happen if they do 17 18 exceed? What measures might be implemented? 19 THE WITNESS (Baker): Well first 20 off, the noise modeling that was conducted is very conservative. It assumes all noise -- all noise 21 receptors are in a downwind condition. 22 23 MR. HANNON: Uh-huh. 24 THE WITNESS (Baker): Additionally, 25 the transformer operation that was specified in

the noise model is consistent with peak loading. 1 So the bands are operating at full capacity. 2 If there was an issue along the 3 property boundary and the sound level were to 4 5 exceed, mitigation could include a noise barrier -- would probably be the best option. 6 7 MR. HANNON: Okay. Thank you. 8 Just -- I see, should not. To me 9 it just raises a question. And then I don't know who's going 10 to handle the last question, because I'm not sure, 11 12 so I'll just ask. On page 23, what is your 13 meaning of system topology changes? What are you specifically referring to in this project for 14 15 that? It's about the middle of the first 16 17 full paragraph. 18 THE WITNESS (Bradt): Got it. Just give just me a second to read it. 19 20 MR. HANNON: Uh-huh. THE WITNESS (Bradt): Yes, the 21 22 context of this meaning is for system topology 23 That's what we would refer to as -changes. 24 there's a couple of things that could change on 25 the transmission system. It might be generation

additions, generation retirements, new lines,
reconfigurations of lines.

3 So several years ago we put in a 4 new 345 kV project intersecting Connecticut. So 5 that would be a system topology change. It 6 actually changes the flow of power across the 7 state.

8 MR. HANNON: Okay. I just wanted 9 to get a clarification. And then I believe my last question, I think, was the answer in the 10 interrogatories. I think that there was a 11 12 question about the lightning mast being lowered, I 13 think, to 55, and the question about the number. And I think the number would go from 6 at 70 feet, 14 15 to 7 and 75? 16 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): That is 17 correct. 18 MR. HANNON: And have you talked to the Town in terms of what the Town's preference 19 would be on this? 20 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): 21 Yes, we did. 22 23 MR. HANNON: And that is? 24 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): They 25 actually liked less mast at the taller height.

1 MR. HANNON: Okay. Thank you. I have no further questions. 2 THE CHAIRMAN: 3 Thank you. 4 Mr. Lynch? 5 MR. LYNCH: Just one or two incidental questions, if I can find them here. 6 7 But I'm just going to fast forward to the storm we 8 had yesterday. 9 Would the new substation have 10 prevented any of the outages that you had on your system? Or were they due to downed power lines or 11 downed distribution lines, or downed trees, or 12 whatever? 13 14 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): The storm 15 that we had yesterday was more of a distribution type of event, trees coming down onto distribution 16 power lines. We will be using the same 17 18 distribution system connected to the new 19 substation as we had with the old substation. So 20 the impact would be the same. 21 MR. LYNCH: Okay. I just had to 22 ask. 23 I noticed that when you're talking 24 about security you did a lot of talk about 25 interrogatories, and in the application on the

1 fencing surrounding the facility. And I'm just trying to comprehend in my own mind, which is 2 scary in itself, that why anyone would try to 3 vandalize or break into an energized substation. 4 5 Is this a big problem within your system? THE WITNESS (Cloud): 6 These 7 physical security measures, the fence with the 8 slots that I believe you're referring to being one 9 of them, really came about after an incident that occurred in California where a substation was 10 fired upon by an individual outside of the 11 12 perimeter of the substation. And UI has been 13 reevaluating it's physical security measures to address the potential for a physical attack and 14 15 assessing the criticality of all of our 16 substations. 17 So based upon this substation's level of criticality, our physical security 18 19 measures --20 MR. LYNCH: That's something I didn't think of, being attacked from the outside. 21 22 I though people would try to break in. Why would you want to be in an energized substation? 23 24 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): So one 25 thing that has happened in the past in our system

is people trying to steal the copper, a lot of
copper conductors, the copper inside the
equipment. So there, when copper is worth a lot
of money we see that as well.
MR. LYNCH: That leads right into

6 my next question that I was going to ask. Having 7 discussions with the ironworkers and the police in 8 Hartford that are building the stadium, they have 9 a very difficult time keeping the people from 10 breaking in.

Whether it's fenced in, that issue is bolt cutters, and when the police station is only a block away. And they're stealing thousands of dollars of material out of the stadium. And I would just -- you answered the question that, you know, that is a similar problem that you would have with the substation.

18 Now is that more in a construction period, or is that something that once it's up and 19 built and energized they still try to get in? 20 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): We --21 22 unless people are really smart and they know if the substation is energized or not we've seen both 23 24 We've also seen, on our distribution cases. 25 system, we have down-grounds that are copper, off

our distribution transformers. They'll go and cut 1 that off the pole. And we have energized 2 3 transformers right on the pole. So people will go and -- and steal this copper not knowing if 4 5 something is energized or not. MR. LYNCH: All right. I was 6 7 curious. And thank you for answering the 8 question. 9 That's all, Mr. Chairman. 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 11 I just -- what is the use of the property that's adjacent to the older substation? 12 I think it's 1780 Stratford Avenue. 13 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): I believe 14 15 it's a used car dealership. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, so I don't have 17 to be concerned about you providing a buffer. 18 Maybe you'd like them to provide you a buffer. 19 Is the building on that site, is that coming down eventually? 20 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Are you 21 22 referring to our existing. 23 THE CHAIRMAN: No. Your existing future training site. 24 25 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): The

control house that I believe you're speaking to, 1 that will stay intact. We do have a switchgear 2 inside the station that we will use to train our 3 employees on how to --4 For instance, there's circuit 5 breakers within that, that enclosure and we'll 6 7 have folks learning how to operate in what we call 8 rack-in and rack-out into the switchgear. So 9 there's -- and there's other metering and -- and 10 other things that we will use as training for our substation and transmission technicians. 11 12 THE CHAIRMAN: If we get to the 13 point of a D and M plan, will you include a decommissioning plan for that substation? 14 15 THE WITNESS (Rossetti): Yes, we 16 will. 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions? 18 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman, if I could justify my position at the table here? 19 Ι had Mr. Libertine go to the zoning office to 20 actually inquire as to the zoning, which I think 21 Mr. Perrone had asked about. And I can either 22 tell you the answer or have Mr. Libertine recite 23 24 what he learned. And we could mark that off of 25 our to-do list.

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure, you can. MR. McDERMOTT: The first hundred 2 feet off the road for both parcels is commercial 3 and the rear of both lots is zoned manufacturing. 4 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Hannon has a question. 6 7 MR. HANNON: Yes, thank you. 8 I believe you had previously 9 mentioned that the elevation at the site is 13 feet. Correct? 10 THE WITNESS (Cloud): That is 11 12 correct. 13 MR. HANNON: Do you have any information on the elevation for the hundred-year 14 15 and the 500-year flood zone? 16 THE WITNESS (Cloud): It is outside the hundred-year and 500-year flood zones. 17 18 MR. HANNON: Okay. Is it possible if you could maybe figure out the actual numbers? 19 I don't need it right now, but if that's something 20 we can figure out it would be appreciated. 21 THE WITNESS (Cloud): The closest 22 23 hundred-year and 500-year flood elevation is 24 11 feet. 25 MR. HANNON: Okay. All right. So

you're at least a couple. Thank you. 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions? 2 3 (No response.) THE CHAIRMAN: So we'll now 4 continue with cross-examination by the 5 parties/intervenors. 6 7 The office of Consumer Counsel? 8 (No response.) 9 THE CHAIRMAN: The silence is somewhat deafening, so we'll go on. And since the 10 Town has become a party, does the Town have any 11 cross examination? 12 13 MR. JACKSON: We have no questions, your Honor. Bruce Jackson, town attorney's 14 15 office. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 17 So we're now going to recess until 18 7 p.m., at which time we'll commence the public 19 comment session of the hearing. Thank you. (Whereupon the witnesses were 20 21 excused, and the above proceedings were concluded 22 at 4:03 p.m.) 23 24 25

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