

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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January 22, 2016

TO:

Parties & Intervenors

FROM:

Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

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.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, February 25, 2016, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Stratford Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application 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 (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.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed project on Thursday, February 25, 2016, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by February 18, 2016. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, 06051, on or before February 18, 2016.



Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the hearing. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Stratford Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by February 18, 2016.

The applicant is represented by the following:

Applicant

Its Representative

The United Illuminating Company

James R. Morrissey Attorney UIL Holdings Corporation 157 Church Street New Haven, CT 06506

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935 or on the Council website at http://www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 465.

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TO: Commissioner Robert Klee

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Commissioner Steven Reviczky

Karl Wagener, Executive Director

Council on Environmental Quality

Department of Agriculture

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary

Todd Levine Historian/Environmental Reviewer State Historic Preservation Office

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director

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.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments on the above-referenced application. Your response on or before February 18, 2016 would be appreciated.

You may access the application and other documents for this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the link "Pending Proceedings."

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John A. Harkins, Mayor Town of Stratford 2725 Main Street Stratford, CT 06615

RE:

Hearing Date - February 25, 2016 in connection with 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.

Dear Mayor Harkins:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your municipality in connection with the above-referenced application. Pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50m, at least one hearing session shall be held at a location selected by the Council in the county in which the facility or any part thereof is to be located after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the public hearing that is scheduled on February 25, 2016.

After an application is filed with the Council, a public inspection of the proposed project and at least one public hearing are held in the host municipality to hear concerns from residents. The municipality's participation at the public hearing may take many forms. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary portion of the public hearing, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session of the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council at any time before, during or within 30 days after the close of the public hearing.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. In the event that you have legal questions, please contact our Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman at (860) 827-2951.

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. We encourage you to take part in our public hearing process.

Sincerely,
Robert Steen HAB

Robert Stein Chairman

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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TO:

Classified/Legal Supervisor

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The Connecticut Post

410 State Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

FROM:

Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary (I

RE:

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improvements.

Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to:

Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

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Carol Cabral Stratford Council Clerk ccabral@townofstratford.com

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Dear Ms. Cabral:

Confirming our telephone conversation of January 8, 2016, I appreciate the reservation of the <u>Council Chambers</u> at the Stratford Town Hall for a public hearing on February 25, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy

Secretary II

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