

<p>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.</p>	<p>Connecticut Siting Council April 28, 2016</p>
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Decision and Order

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50p and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that the effects associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of a replacement electric substation facility located at 1770 Stratford Avenue in Stratford, Connecticut, including effects on the natural environment; ecological integrity and balance; forests and parks; scenic, historic, and recreational values; air and water purity; fish and wildlife; and public health and safety are not disproportionate either alone or cumulatively with other effects compared to need, are not in conflict with the policies of the State concerning such effects, and are not sufficient reason to deny the application. Therefore, the Council directs that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, as provided by Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50k, be issued to The United Illuminating Company for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a replacement substation located at 1770 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut.

Unless otherwise approved by the Council, the facility shall be constructed, operated, and maintained substantially as specified in the Council’s record in this matter, and subject to the following conditions:

1. The Certificate Holder shall prepare a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this site in compliance with Sections 16-50j-60 through 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The D&M Plan shall be served on the Town of Stratford for comment, and all parties and intervenors as listed in the service list, and submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of facility construction and shall include:
 - a) A final site plan showing the placement of all substation equipment, structures, and buildings within the substation perimeter, temporary and permanent tap structures, landscape plantings, access, fencing, and substation lighting;
 - b) Erosion and sediment controls consistent with the 2002 *Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls*;
 - c) Wetland fill plans and US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Category I Certification Form;
 - d) Updated Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database determination letter;
 - e) Provisions for storm water management and associated Stormwater Pollution Control Plan;
 - f) Transformer oil containment;
 - g) Details of transmission interconnection design including transmission structures; and
 - h) A deactivation plan for the existing Baird Substation.

2. The Certificate Holder shall comply with all future electric and magnetic field standards promulgated by State or federal regulatory agencies. Upon the establishment of any new standards, the facilities granted in this Decision and Order shall be brought into compliance with such standards as soon as practical.

3. In accordance with Section 16-50j-62 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice two weeks prior to the commencement of site construction activities. In addition, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice of the completion of site construction and the commencement of substation operation.
4. The Certificate Holder shall notify the Council no less than 60 days prior to when substation operations terminate.
5. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, this Decision and Order shall be void if all construction authorized herein is not completed within five years of the effective date of the Decision and Order, or within five years after all appeals to this Decision and Order have been resolved.
6. Any request for extension of the time period referred to in Condition 5 shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this Certificate and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, as listed in the service list, and the Town of Stratford. Any proposed modifications to this Decision and Order shall likewise be so served.
7. The Certificate Holder shall remit timely payments associated with annual assessments and invoices submitted by the Council for expenses attributable to the facility under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v.
8. This Certificate may be transferred in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50k(b), provided both the Certificate Holder/transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. In addition, both the Certificate Holder/transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.
9. The Certificate Holder shall maintain the facility, substation components, landscaping, and drainage features, in a reasonable physical and operational condition that is consistent with this Decision and Order and the Development and Management Plan to be approved by the Council.
10. If the Certificate Holder is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a corporation or other entity and is sold/transferred to another corporation or other entity, the Council shall be notified of such sale and/or transfer and of any change in contact information for the individual or representative responsible for management and operations of the Certificate Holder within 30 days of the sale and/or transfer.
11. This Certificate may be surrendered by the Certificate Holder upon written notification and approval by the Council.

We hereby direct that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order be served on each person listed in the Service List, dated February 25, 2016, and notice of issuance published in The Connecticut Post.

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.