

In The Matter Of:
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Docket No. 483
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Application from United Illuminating Company for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public
Need for Pequonnock Substation Rebuild Project That
Entails Construction, Maintenance and Operation of
115/13.8-Kilovolt (kV) Gas Insulated Replacement
Substation Located On an Approximately 3.7-acre Parcel
Owned by PSEG Power Connecticut, LLC, At 1 Kiefer
Street In Bridgeport, Connecticut

Public Hearing held at the Bridgeport City
Hall, Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport,
Connecticut, Thursday, June 14, 2018, beginning at 6:30
p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :
ROBIN STEIN, Chairman

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4 Vice Chairman

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Good afternoon -- or good
2 evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to call
3 to order this hearing of the Connecticut Siting
4 Council, today Thursday, June 14, 2018, at
5 approximately 6:30 p.m.

6 My name is Robin Stein. I'm chairman of
7 the Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of
8 the Council present are Senator Murphy, our Vice
9 Chairman; Mr. Hannon, the designee from the
10 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;
11 Mr. Levesque, designee from the Public Utilities
12 Regulatory authority; Mr. Silvestri; Dr. Klemens;
13 Mr. Edelson; Mr. Harder; and Mr. Lynch.

14 Members of the staff present are Melanie
15 Bachman, our Executive Director and Staff
16 Attorney; and Michael Perrone, our siting analyst.

17 This is a continuation of a public
18 hearing that began at 3 p.m. this afternoon.
19 Copies of the hearing program and the Council's
20 citizen guide to Siting Council procedures are
21 available for members of the public here next to
22 the podium.

23 This hearing is held pursuant to the
24 provision of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
25 Statutes, and of the Uniform Administrative

1 Procedure Act upon an application from UI for a
2 certificate of environmental compatibility and
3 public need for the Pequonnock Substation rebuild
4 project that entails construction, maintenance,
5 and operation of a 115/13.8 kilovolt gas insulated
6 replacement substation facility located on an
7 approximately 3.7-acre parcel owned by PSEG Power
8 Connecticut, LLC, at 1 Kiefer Street in
9 Bridgeport, Connecticut.

10 This application was received by the
11 Council on April 26, 2018. The applicant
12 published notice of the filing of the application
13 to the Council in the Connecticut Post on
14 April 12th and April 16, 2016. The Council's
15 legal notice of the date and time of this hearing
16 was published in the Connecticut Post on May 15,
17 2018.

18 Upon this Council's request the
19 applicant erected a sign at the proposed site so
20 as to inform the public of the name of the
21 applicant, type of facility, hearing date and
22 location and contact information for the Council.
23 This afternoon members of the Council, staff and
24 public personally conducted a field review of the
25 proposed site in order to observe firsthand the

1 potential effects of the proposal.

2 The hearing tonight has been reserved
3 for the public to make short statements into the
4 record. These public statements are not subject
5 to questions from the applicant or parties, or the
6 Council. And members of the public making
7 statements may not ask questions of the applicant,
8 parties or Council. These statements will become
9 part of the record for the Council, and a sign-up
10 sheet is available for those who wish to
11 participate.

12 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
13 communication with a member of the Council or a
14 member of the Council staff upon the merits of the
15 application is prohibited by law.

16 I wish to note for those who are here
17 and for the benefit of your friends and neighbors
18 who are unable to join us for the public comment
19 session, that you or they may send written
20 statements to the Council with the 30 days of the
21 date hereof, and such written statements will be
22 given the same weight as if spoken at the hearing.

23 A verbatim transcript will be made of
24 this hearing and deposited with the Bridgeport
25 City Clerk's office for the convenience of the

1 public.

2 I think since we do have a little bit of
3 public or some members of the public, I ask for
4 the applicant to make a very brief presentation of
5 the project.

6 Thank you.

7 RICHARD PINTO: Thank you.

8 My name is Rich Pinto. I'm the project
9 manager for United Illuminating for this proposed
10 project. Just to give you a little background,
11 the existing Pequonnock substation is 115 kV/13-8
12 open air substation that was built in 1956.

13 And over the years it has experienced
14 some flooding, twice, Super Storm Sandy and Irene.
15 It also has several asset condition issues
16 regarding maintenance.

17 So the proposed project is to rebuild
18 and relocate the substation from closer --
19 adjacent to the Pequonnock River to an adjacent
20 parcel a little bit further inland. So the
21 project would extend the transmission system off
22 the existing catenary system on the CDOT
23 Metro-North right-of-way, and it would also extend
24 three underground cables through that actually
25 cross the Pequonnock River, come across and hit

1 land just south of the station. And then another
2 115-kV cable on Ferry Access road. All those
3 cables and the overhead will be rerouted into the
4 new proposed project.

5 The proposed project is a 115-kV gas
6 insulated switchgear. It's a little bit different
7 than the open-air switchgear that exists there
8 today. Construction is expected to start the
9 fourth quarter of 2019 with a completion date of
10 the fourth quarter of 2021.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you.

12 I don't have anybody who signed up. Is
13 there anybody from the public who wishes to speak?

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15 (No response.)

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17 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. There are
18 representatives from the UI here. So if after I
19 close the hearing, if you have any questions you
20 can ask them directly.

21 The Connecticut Siting Council announces
22 that this hearing will be continued to July 24th,
23 2018, at 1 p.m., in hearing room 2 at the
24 Council's office in New Britain.

25 Again, anyone who has not become a party

1 or intervener, but who desires to make his or her
2 views known to the Council may file written
3 statements with the council within 30 days of
4 today.

5 The Council will issue draft findings of
6 fact and thereafter the applicant or intervener
7 may identify errors or inconsistencies between the
8 Council's draft findings of fact and the record,
9 however no new information, no new evidence, no
10 argument, no reply briefs without our permission
11 will be considered by the Council.

12 Copies of the transcript of this hearing
13 will be filed at the Bridgeport City Clerk's
14 office.

15 And therefore I will close the hearing
16 and announce that we are adjourned. Thank you all
17 for your participation, and drive home safely.

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19 (Whereupon, the above proceedings were
20 concluded at 6:40 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 9 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the Public Hearing in Re: 483, APPLICATION FROM UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR PEQUONNOCK SUBSTATION REBUILD PROJECT THAT ENTAILS CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF 115/13.8-KILOVOLT (KV) GAS INSULATED REPLACEMENT SUBSTATION LOCATED ON AN APPROXIMATELY 3.7-ACRE PARCEL OWNED BY PSEG POWER CONNECTICUT, LLC, AT 1 KIEFER STREET IN BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT, which was held before ROBIN STEIN, Chairman, at the Bridgeport City Hall, Council Chambers, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut, June 14, 2018.



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