

1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT
2 CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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4 Docket No. 3B

5 The United Illuminating Company Amended
6 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
7 Public Need for replacement of a portion of the
8 existing Derby - Shelton 115-kV electric
9 transmission line facility.

10 Reopening of this Certificate based on changed
11 conditions pursuant to Connecticut General
12 Statutes, Section 4-181a(b).

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14 VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE

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16 Public Comment Session held on Thursday
17 July 28, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
18 via remote access.

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21 H e l d B e f o r e :

22 JOHN MORISSETTE, Presiding Officer

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25 Reporter: Lisa L. Warner, CSR #061

1 **A p p e a r a n c e s :**

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16 **For Certificate Holder, The United**
17 **Illuminating Company:**
18 **MURTHA CULLINA LLP**
19 **One Century Tower**
20 **265 Church Street**
21 **New Haven, Connecticut 06510-1220**
22 **BY: BRUCE McDERMOTT, ESQ.**

23 **Also present: Kevin McMahon, The United**
24 **Illuminating Company**

25 **Zoom co-host: Aaron Demarest**

26 ****All participants were present via remote access.**

1 MR. MORISSETTE: This remote public
2 hearing is called to order this Thursday, July 28,
3 2022, at 6:30 p.m. My name is John Morissette,
4 member and presiding officer of the Siting
5 Council. Other members of the Council are Robert
6 Silvestri, Louanne Cooley, Mark Quinlan, Daniel P.
7 Lynch, Jr.

8 Members of the staff are Melanie
9 Bachman, executive director and staff attorney;
10 Michael Perrone, siting analyst; and Lisa
11 Fontaine, fiscal administrative officer.

12 If you haven't done so already, I ask
13 that everyone please mute their computer audio
14 and/or telephones now.

15 This is a continuation of the remote
16 public hearing that began at 2 p.m. this
17 afternoon. A copy of the prepared agenda is
18 available on the Council's Docket No. 3B webpage,
19 along with the record of this matter, the public
20 hearing notice, instructions for public access to
21 this remote public hearing, and the Council's
22 Citizens Guide to Siting Council Procedures.

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

1 Procedure Act upon a motion to reopen the
2 Council's January 16, 1974 and December 8, 1976
3 final decisions to issue The United Illuminating
4 Company a Certificate of Environmental
5 Compatibility and Public Need for the
6 construction, maintenance and operation of an
7 electric transmission line facility that traverses
8 Ansonia, Derby and Shelton, Connecticut based on
9 changed conditions.

10 On June 9, 2022, the Council, pursuant
11 to a request filed by The United Illuminating
12 Company and the provisions of Connecticut General
13 Statutes, Section 4-181a(b), reopened the January
14 16, 1974 and December 8, 1976 final decisions to
15 consider modifications to the existing electric
16 transmission line facility.

17 The Council's legal notice of the date
18 and time of this remote public hearing was
19 published in The Connecticut Post on June 11,
20 2022. Upon this Council's request, the
21 Certificate Holder erected signs at conspicuous
22 locations along the route so as to inform the
23 public of the name of the Certificate Holder, the
24 type of facility, the remote public hearing date,
25 and contact information for the Council, including

1 website and phone number. The locations are as
2 follows: Number one, at Structure 359 along the
3 right-of-way at the intersection with Howe Avenue
4 in Shelton. Number two, at Structure 4 at the
5 intersection of Coon Hollow Road and Hawthorne
6 Avenue in Derby. Number three, at Derby Public
7 Works on Coon Hollow Road. And number four, at
8 Structure 18 at the Nolan Athletic Complex on
9 Route 34 in Ansonia.

10 This remote public comment session is
11 reserved for the public to make brief statements
12 into the record. The deadline for the public to
13 sign up to speak during the public comment session
14 was Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Unfortunately, no
15 member of the public signed up to speak. Please
16 be advised that written comments may be submitted
17 by any person within 30 days of this public
18 hearing.

19 I request that the Certificate Holder
20 make a very brief presentation to the public
21 describing the proposed modifications to the
22 existing electric transmission line facility.

23 Before we do that, just a brief note on
24 remote public hearings. Remote public hearings
25 are quite different from in-person public

1 hearings. For in-person public hearings members
2 of the public could sign up, step up to the podium
3 and offer their comments. For remote public
4 hearings the public is required to sign up to
5 speak in advance in order to provide Council staff
6 with the time necessary to facilitate connection
7 precautions to prevent interruptions, or in common
8 terms, bombing of the proceedings. There are
9 protocols, procedures and consistency measures
10 that are followed as part of the remote public
11 hearing process. Written comments may be
12 submitted within 30 days of the public hearing.

13 We'll now hear from Mr. McMahon to
14 provide a presentation on the project. Thank you.

15 MR. MCMAHON: Thank you, Mr.
16 Morissette. Public and community, we are excited
17 to present to you the Derby Junction to Ansonia
18 line rebuild project. Overall it's to improve the
19 reliability of the transmission grid. We are
20 proposing to rebuild the three existing
21 115-kilovolt transmission lines. They're located
22 along a 4.1 mile right-of-way beginning in Derby
23 Junction in Shelton spanning the Housatonic River
24 to Indian Well Substation in Derby and then
25 through portions of Derby to Ansonia Substation in

1 Ansonia.

2 The current existing 115-kV lines
3 provide critical connections to both Indian Well
4 Substation and the Ansonia Substation, and they
5 are at the edge of UI's transmission systems. The
6 amount of customers that we impact are 26,000
7 customers in Shelton, Derby and Ansonia.

8 The infrastructure itself is nearing
9 100 years old. So Derby Gas and Electric
10 installed the existing lattice steel towers in
11 1924 to operate at 13 kilovolts. UI purchased the
12 structures from Derby Gas and Electric in 1969 and
13 has since operated and maintained the lines.

14 Over the past ten years we performed
15 detailed inspections and analyses of the
16 structures themselves overall determining that a
17 full rebuild was the best option. The Derby
18 Junction to Ansonia 115-kV transmission line
19 rebuild project will rebuild the 115-kV lines,
20 installing new monopoles, conductors, insulators
21 and related hardware, interconnect the rebuilt
22 lines at Derby Junction, Indian Well and Ansonia
23 Substation, and finally, dismantle and remove the
24 existing 115-kV structures, conductors,
25 insulators, hardware and structure foundations.

1 We look forward to providing our
2 community with safe and reliable power, and we are
3 proud to announce that we have letters of
4 endorsement from three chief elected officials in
5 the cities of Shelton, Derby and Ansonia. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. MORISSETTE: Thank you. Before
8 closing the evidentiary record in this matter, the
9 Connecticut Siting Council announces that briefs
10 and proposed findings of fact may be filed with
11 the Council by any party or intervenor no later
12 than August 27, 2022. The submission of briefs or
13 proposed findings of fact are not required by this
14 Council, rather, we leave it to the choice of the
15 parties and intervenors.

16 Anyone who has not become a party or
17 intervenor but who desires to make his or her
18 views known to the Council may file written
19 statements with the Council within 30 days of the
20 date hereof.

21 The Council will issue draft findings
22 of fact, and thereafter parties and intervenors
23 may identify any errors or inconsistencies between
24 the Council's draft findings of fact and the
25 record. However, no new information, no new

1 evidence, no arguments and no reply briefs without
2 our permission will be considered by the Council.

3 A copy of the transcript of this
4 hearing will be filed with the Ansonia, Derby and
5 Shelton City Clerk's Offices and the Seymour Town
6 Clerk's Office for the convenience of the public.

7 I hereby declare this hearing
8 adjourned. And thank you, everyone, for your
9 participation. Have a good evening.

10 (Whereupon, the above proceedings
11 adjourned at 6:39 p.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATE FOR REMOTE HEARING

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4 I hereby certify that the foregoing 9 pages
5 are a complete and accurate computer-aided
6 transcription of my original stenotype notes taken
7 before the CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL of the
8 REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION IN RE: DOCKET NO.
9 3B, THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY AMENDED
10 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
11 PUBLIC NEED FOR REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE
12 EXISTING DERBY - SHELTON 115-kV ELECTRIC
13 TRANSMISSION LINE FACILITY. REOPENING OF THIS
14 CERTIFICATE BASED ON CHANGED CONDITIONS PURSUANT
15 TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SECTION
16 4-181a(b), which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE,
17 PRESIDING OFFICER, on July 28, 2022.
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Lisa Warner

Lisa L. Warner, CSR 061
Court Reporter
Notary Public
My commission expires:
May 31, 2023