

**DOCKET NO. 490** – The United Illuminating Company }  
application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility }  
and Public Need for the Old Town Substation Rebuild Project }  
that entails construction, maintenance and operation of a }  
115/13.8- kilovolt (kV) air-insulated replacement substation }  
facility located on the existing Old Town Substation parcel at }  
282 Kaechele Place and two parcels immediately north totaling }  
approximately 3 acres that are owned by the United }  
Illuminating Company at 312 and 330 Kaechele Place, }  
Bridgeport, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and }  
interconnection improvements.

Connecticut

Siting

Council

January 28, 2021

### **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 located at 282, 312 and 330 Kaechele Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut, including effects on the natural environment, ecological balance, public health and safety, scenic, historic, and recreational values, agriculture, forests and parks, air and water purity, fish, aquaculture and wildlife 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 General Statutes § 16-50k, be issued to The United Illuminating Company for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a replacement substation located at 282, 312 and 330 Kaechele Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements.

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 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, tap structures, access, landscaping, and fencing;
  - b) An erosion and sediment control plan consistent with the 2002 *Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls*;
  - c) A spill prevention, control and countermeasures plan;
  - d) Details of the transmission interconnections; and
  - e) A decommissioning plan for the existing Old Town Substation.

2. Eversource shall prepare a Partial D&M Plan for its portion of the project. The Partial D&M Plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of Eversource's construction and shall include:
  - a) Final plans to remove existing transmission structures and install new transmission structures including the new structure finish, arms/hardware, foundation type, and work pads, as applicable;
  - b) Final plans for transmission modifications to accommodate Eversource's structure replacements; and
  - c) An erosion and sediment control plan consistent with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls* and Eversource BMPs.
3. 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.
4. The Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with a copy of necessary permits from any other state or federal agency with concurrent jurisdiction prior to the commencement of construction.
5. 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.
6. The Certificate Holder shall notify the Council no less than 60 days prior to when existing substation operations terminate.
7. 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. Authority to monitor and modify this schedule, as necessary, is delegated to the Executive Director. The Certificate Holder shall provide written notice to the Executive Director of any schedule changes as soon as is practicable.
8. Any request for extension of the time period referred to in Condition 7 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 City of Bridgeport. Any proposed modifications to this Decision and Order shall likewise be so served.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. This Certificate may be surrendered by the Certificate Holder upon written notification to 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 October 8, 2020, 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.