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RE: **Notification of Emergency Work at Damaged/Inoperable Energy Component to Maintain Continuity of Service at Bridgeport Train Station.**

Dear Attorney McDermott:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the notification pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50j-57 dated January 27, 2026 regarding the mid-span static wire failure along The United Illuminating Company's (UI) No. 8909B 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line facility between Baird Substation and Pequonnock Substation and the associated emergency work that was conducted on January 24, 2026 to safely secure the static wire and restore service to the Bridgeport Train Station.

Pursuant to RCSA §16-50j-57, the Council hereby acknowledges the need for UI to complete the emergency work to maintain continuity of UI service and MetroNorth Railroad service at Bridgeport Train Station.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor, City of Bridgeport ([mayor@bridgeportct.gov](mailto:mayor@bridgeportct.gov))  
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Re: Notification of Emergency Response – Bridgeport Train Station

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Please be advised that on January 24, 2026 the static wire for the 8909B 115-kV transmission line (the “Line”) between The United Illuminating Company’s (“UI”) Baird Substation and Pequonnock Substation broke mid-span, between structures 775B and 776. The northern portion of the wire fell onto I95 but came to rest across MetroNorth Railroad (“MNR”) tracks 2 and 4, shutting down train operations. This letter serves as notice to the Connecticut Siting Council of emergency work that was conducted on the Line on January 24, 2026.

UI placed an outage request at CONVEX for the Line between Congress and Pequonnock, engaged UI’s substation switchers for the needed switching at UI substations, obtained a qualified transmission line contractor (McPhee Electric) and obtained the needed switching and tagging support on tracks 2 and 4 from MNR to remove a segment of the railroad from operations in order to perform the needed work. The static was removed or secured and the line was switched back in by UI’s substation team and put back into service. In addition, MNR tracks 2 and 4 were re-instated for use later in the evening. The static line will be replaced in the near future.

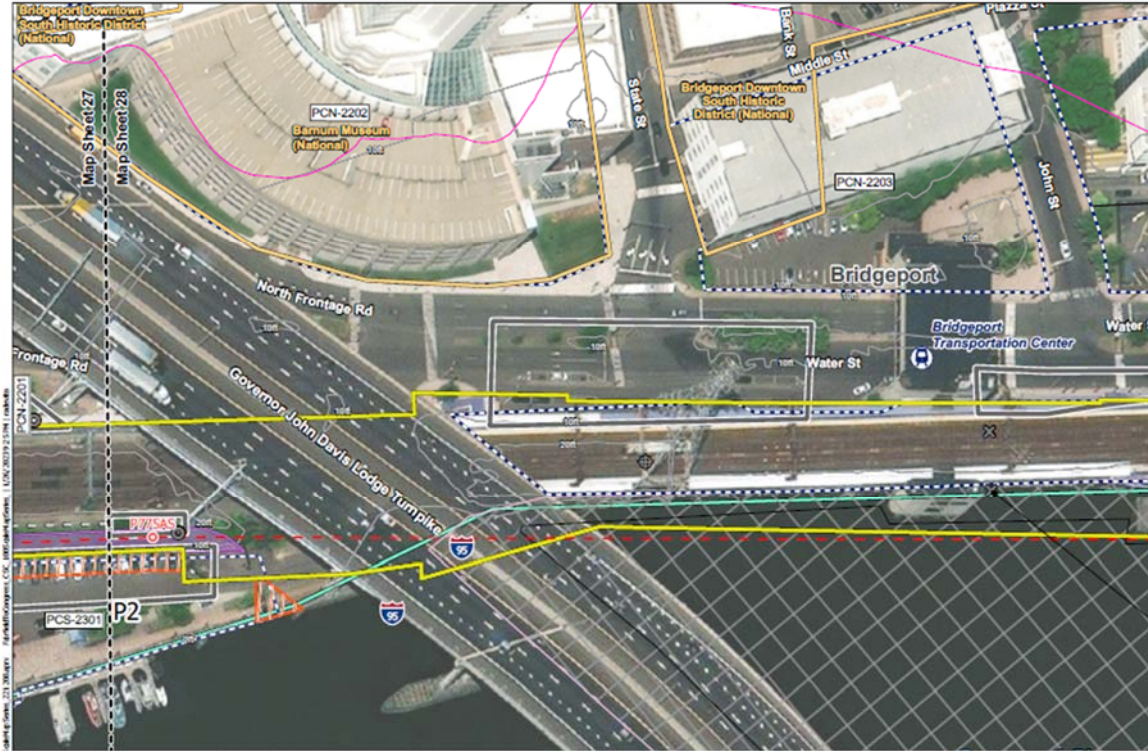
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



Bruce L. McDermott

**Picture 1** - ~600-foot span from Structures 775B and 776 crossing I-95 and all 4-tracks of MNR railway



**Picture 2** - Static hanging from atop Structure 775B



**Picture 3** - Static hanging from atop Structure 776 onto and across MNR facilities and public areas



**Picture 4** – UI crew affixing broken static to Structure P775B



**Picture 5** – MNR and UI crews working to remove UI static wire laying across MNR facilities.



**Picture 6** – UI crew using pulley system to lower the static wire from Structure 776

