

The Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: <u>The United Illuminating Company's Notice of Exempt Modification Pursuant to</u> <u>R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-58 to Existing Energy Facility Site at Indian Well Substation</u> ("Notice of Exempt Modification")

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("R.C.S.A.") §16-50j-58, The United Illuminating Company ("UI" or "Company") hereby notifies the Connecticut Siting Council (the "Council") of its intent to make exempt modifications to its Indian Well Substation ("Facility" or "Energy Facility"). The \$625 filing fees, along with 2 copies of this Notice of Exempt Modification, are enclosed herewith.

Existing Energy Facility

The Facility is located at 242 Roosevelt Drive in the City of Derby at 41°19'31.81"N and 73° 5'59.85"W and is bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point along the southwest corner of the City of Derby property so-called "Canal Street"

Thence 177.70 feet along N/F City of Derby

Thence 178 feet along N/F The Shelton Canal Company

Thence 210 feet along the Housatonic River at high water

Thence 285 feet along IDA Properties Inc. to the point of beginning

Parcel contains 42,500 square feet or .9 acres more or less.

Indian Well Substation is a single 115-kV breaker two transformer substation.





Aerial Photo of the Facility

Google Earth 2018



Looking east into existing 115-kV yard at Indian Well Substation Benito Acampora 8/23/18



Looking west into existing 115-kV yard at Indian Well Substation Benito Acampora 8/23/18

Proposed Modifications

UI is proposing to replace the existing 115-kV gas circuit breaker with a spare 115-kV gas circuit breaker. As the proposed modifications relate solely to improving system maintenance, the changes will not impact the existing Facility's structural capability or impact electric and magnetic fields or noise levels.



Existing 115-kV Circuit Breaker Benito Acampora 8/23/18

Compliance with R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-57(b)

Pursuant to R.C.S.A. §16-50j-57(b), the proposed changes do not constitute a modification to an existing facility that may have a substantial adverse environmental effect and are exempt from the requirement to obtain a certificate pursuant to Section 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes. Specifically, consistent with R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-57(b), the proposed changes to the existing site <u>do not</u>:

- (A) Extend the boundaries of the site beyond the existing fenced compound;
- (B) Increase the height of existing associated equipment;
- (C) Increase noise levels at the site boundary by 6 decibels or more, or to levels that exceed state and local criteria;
- (D) Impact electric and magnetic field levels at the site boundary in a manner that is inconsistent with the Council's Best Management practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields;
- (E) Cause a significant adverse change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the site; or
- (F) Impair the structural integrity of the facility, as determined in a certification provided by a professional engineer licensed in Connecticut, where applicable.

The project would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect or cause a significant adverse change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics because:

- (A) The proposed changes would be located within the Substation's existing fence line; the Substation's fenced area would not be expanded.
- (B) The equipment would be no taller than existing equipment within the Substation.
- (C) There would be no change to the existing television or radio interference resulting from the modifications of the Substation.
- (D) Sound-pressure levels at all points along properties lines would continue to meet state regulations set out in R.C.S.A. §§ 22a-69-1 et seq.
- (E) The project work would not affect water resource areas.
- (F) UI's review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("CT DEEP") Natural Diversity Data Base did not identify any statelisted endangered, threatened, or special concern species in the vicinity of the Project.
- (G) Electric and Magnetic field levels at the Substation boundary would not change as a result of the modifications.

UI intends to initiate construction for the Indian Well breaker replacement on or after the Council's acknowledgement that the proposed activities are exempt.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-926-4792 should you have any questions regarding this notice.

Very truly yours,

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Christopher Hughes Manager – Substation Projects Unit 5 The United Illuminating Company

cc: The Honorable Mayor Richard Dziekan, City of Derby Amy Hicks, The United Illuminating Company, Public Outreach

Attachment

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 25248-400 Switchyard Bus and Equipment Plan

Attachment 1

