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November 21, 2014

Mr. Robert Stein
Chairman
The Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: The United Illuminating Company's Notice of Exempt Modification Pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-58 to Existing Energy Facility Site at 1 Waterfront Street, New Haven, Connecticut ("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 substation at 1 Waterfront Street, New Haven, Connecticut ("Facility" or "Energy Facility Site"). The \$625 filing fee, along with 25 copies of this Notice of Exempt Modification, are enclosed herewith.

Existing Energy Facility

The site is located at 1 Waterfront Street in the City of New Haven, CT at $L41^{\circ}17'15.6048''N$ and $\Lambda72^{\circ}54'20.8116''W$ and is bounded as follows:

Commencing at a concrete monument, said point being 2,955 feet, more or less, southerly of the southerly street line of Alabama Street, said point also being the southeast corner of the herein described piece or parcel of land.

Thence $S 81^{\circ} 11' 37'' W$, a distance of 872.09 feet along land now or formerly of the City of New Haven, to a concrete monument;

Thence $N 08^{\circ} 51' 03'' W$, a distance of 235.33 feet along land now or formerly of the City of New Haven, to a concrete monument;

Thence $S 82^{\circ} 10' 17'' W$, a distance of 405.00 feet along land now or formerly of the City of New Haven, to a point;

Thence N 82° 04' 03" W, a distance of 128.75 feet, more or less, along land now or formerly of the City of New Haven, to a point at mean high water of New Haven Harbor;

Thence in a generally Northerly direction, a distance of 1,740 feet, more or less, along mean high water of New Haven Harbor, to a point;

Thence S 82° 01' 53" E, a distance of 566.59 feet, more or less, along land now or formerly of the United Illuminating Company, et al, to a point;

Thence S 24° 17' 57" E, a distance of 305.35 feet along land now or formerly of the United Illuminating Company, et al, to a point;

Thence N 86° 04' 47" E, a distance of 445.00 feet along land now or formerly of the United Illuminating Company, et al, to a point on the westerly side of land now or formerly of the City of New Haven (East Shore Parkway Parcel);

Thence S 03° 56' 13" E, a distance of 1,272.76 along land now or formerly of the City of New Haven (East Shore Parkway Parcel), to the point and place of commencement.

Deed was recorded in volume 5483 at page 007 on April 15, 1999.

Existing yard structures are approximately 90 feet high and are enclosed in a fenced and graveled area of 4.7 acres +/-.

Proposed Modifications

UI is proposing to replace the outermost perimeter fence along the shore line side at its East Shore substation located in New Haven, CT and remove the adjacent vegetation. The new fence will be 14-feet in height with an additional 1-foot of barbed wire with 2-inch mesh fabric. The fence will better enclose the western portion of the property for security purposes and will prevent unauthorized access to the exterior of the on-site buildings. The vegetation removal will allow enhanced visibility of activities taking place along the fence-line and will allow UI to detect any suspicious activities. A Drawing of UI's Yard Plan with fence replacement locations is attached hereto. As the proposed modifications relate solely to replacement of station hardware, the changes will not impact the existing Facility's structural capability or impact electric and magnetic fields or noise levels.

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

Pursuant to R.C.S.A. §16-50j-57, UI believes that the proposed changes do not constitute a modification to an existing facility that may have a substantial adverse environmental effect and is 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 do not:

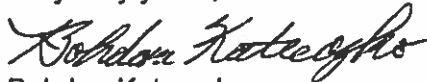
(A) Extend the boundaries of the site beyond the existing fenced compound;

- (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) Manage 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 at the site boundary;
- (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.

UI intends to replace the fence on or after the Council's acknowledgement that the proposed activities are exempt.

Do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 926-4737 should you have any questions regarding this notice.

Very truly yours,



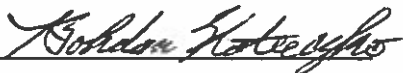
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Attachments

Cc: Mayor Toni Harp, City of New Haven
Melanie Bachman, Esq., Connecticut Siting Council

Proof of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies, in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("R.C.S.A.") §16-50j-58, that this Notice of Exempt Modification was mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid on November 21, 2014 to the chief elected official of the City of New Haven, CT.

By: 

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