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November 6, 2012

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 104 Armstrong Road, Shelton, 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 104 Armstrong Road, Shelton, 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 104 Armstrong Road in the City of Shelton, CT at L41°16'2.3232"N and Λ 73°7'1.9164"W and is bounded as follows, which description recites the deed:

Commencing at a point in the Northwesterly line of Armstrong Road also known as Black Brook Road marked by an iron pipe driven into the ground in the Easterly line of the Conn. Light & Power Co. Right of Way; thence Northerly along the Easterly line of the Conn. Light & Power Co. Right of Way and other land now or formerly of Edward Gallant, 403.9 feet to a point marked by an iron pipe set in a stone wall and land now or formerly of Elly Hansen; thence Northeasterly along land now or formerly of said Hansen and following the stone wall 270 feet more or less to a point marked by an iron pipe set in the stone wall and land now or formerly of Ralph and Rosemarie Zullo; thence Southeasterly along land now or formerly of said Ralph and Rosemarie Zullo 392.5 feet to a point marked by an iron pipe driven into the ground in the Northwesterly line of

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Armstrong Road; thence Southwesterly along the Northwesterly line of Armstrong Road 661 feet to point of commencement.

As filed at the City of Shelton on the 28th day of December, A.D. 1967, in Volume 225 at Page 557.

Existing yard structures are approximately 28.6 feet high with four lightning masts that are 70 feet high and are enclosed in a fenced and graveled area of 3.6 acres +/-.

Proposed Modifications

UI is proposing to install four (4) 35-foot wood poles each with two (2) area lights; ten (10) task floodlights; four (4) ground fault interrupting (GFI) receptacles; associated underground conduit for the area and task lighting; and new asphalt pavement at the entrance gates. Drawings of UI's Yard Lighting Plan and asphalt paving activities are attached hereto. The paving activities will not result in any tree removals or changes to existing fences. As the proposed modifications relate solely to improving site lighting, 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 initiate the Yard Lighting Plan on or after the Council's acknowledgement that the proposed activities are exempt.

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Do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 499-2422 should you have any questions regarding this notice.

Very truly yours,

Bruce J. McDermott

Managing Counsel - Operations

UIL Holdings Corporation

As Agent for The United Illuminating Company

Attachments

cc: Mayor Mark A. Lauretti, City of Shelton (via U.S. Mail)

Linda Roberts, Executive Director, CSC (via electronic mail)

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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 6, 2012 to the chief elected official of the City of Shelton, CT.

By:

Bruce L. McDermott

Managing Counsel - Operations

UIL Holdings Corporation

As Agent for The United Illuminating Company



