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RE: Notification of Emergency Work at Damaged/Inoperable Energy Component Proximate to Barnum Substation along Barnum Avenue Cutoff in Stratford to Maintain Continuity of Service.

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 September 29, 2026 regarding a fault on The United Illuminating Company's (UI) 345-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line facility proximate to Barnum Substation along Barnum Avenue Cutoff in Stratford and the associated emergency work that is to be conducted to safely repair cable damage and restore the line to service.

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.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable David Chess, Mayor, Town of Stratford (mayor@townofstratford.com)
Council Members



September 29, 2026

Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: Notification of Emergency Response – Singer 3619 Circuit Emergency Fault Restoration

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The United Illuminating Company (UI) is hereby providing an emergency notification regarding an event that occurred during a recent third-party boring operation impacting UI's 3619 Circuit, 345-kV underground cable system, along Barnum Avenue Cutoff in Stratford, Connecticut within the CTDOT/MetroNorth Railroad Corridor.

On September 9, 2026, while attempting to test and switch back in the 3619 Circuit, UI experienced a continued fault causing the line to not be energized. Therefore, to further assess the situation, UI performed additional testing to identify the location from which the fault was originating. It was identified that a location between Splice Chambers 15 and 16 adjacent to UI's Barnum Substation on the CTDOT/MetroNorth Railroad was the location where the 3619 Circuit was struck by something. At the time of the event, a CTDOT contractor was actively conducting boring operations along Barnum Avenue Cutoff (US Route 1) in Stratford in close proximity to the circuit and duct bank. This location is adjacent to the Metro-North Railroad right-of-way at approximate Station 250+50 to 251+00.

In order to properly assess the situation and place the circuit back in service in a timely manner, UI has mobilized the appropriate contractors to perform the repair of the underground cable system. Work will primarily be performed during daytime hours but in order to get the transmission system back to a normal state, night work may occur. Specifically, UI placed outage requests at CONVEX for the Line between East Devon and Singer Substation to stay de-energized, engaged UI's substation switchers for the needed switching at UI substations, obtained qualified personnel to perform the work, (Civil - United Civil, Electrical Contractor - McPhee, Cable Service Provider - Prysmian and as needed, Environmental Support - Clean Harbors Environmental Services) along with the needed coordination with MetroNorth to obtain field support within the CTDOT/MetroNorth corridor in order to perform the work which began on September 28, 2026 and is anticipated to be completed by October 12, 2026.



UI will provide the Council with additional details regarding the repair plan and timeline once the specific repair approach is defined as well as sharing further information as it becomes available.

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

Sincerely,

Shawn C Crosbie

Shawn Crosbie

United Illuminating Company – Unit Manager, Transmission Line Projects