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August 21, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 490** - The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Old Town Substation Rebuild Project that entails construction, maintenance and operation of a 115/13.8- kilovolt (kV) air-insulated replacement substation facility located on the existing Old Town Substation parcel at 282 Kaechele Place and two parcels immediately north totaling approximately 3 acres that are owned by the United Illuminating Company at 312 and 330 Kaechele Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements.

I. Introduction

The application is from The United Illuminating Company (UI) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8 kV replacement substation in the City of Bridgeport to address reliability issues at the existing Old Town Substation. The Town of Trumbull is within 2,500 feet of the proposed replacement facility.

II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for an Electric Substation Facility* dated June 2016, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed replacement facility, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) § 16-50l (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the *Connecticut Post*.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to CGS §16-50m, the Council must schedule a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. At least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. The Council must also designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. In accordance with CGS §16-50m and Governor Lamont's March 14, 2020 Executive Order No. 7B, staff recommends holding a remote public hearing via Zoom conferencing on October 15, 2020, and depositing the transcript in the Bridgeport City Hall and Trumbull Town Hall.

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Enclosure: Schedule



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SCHEDULE

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Application received	06/30/20
Council request for more information per Section 16-50l-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies	07/02/20
Date Applicant submitted complete information per Section 16-50l-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies	07/09/20
Completeness review	08/27/20
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set-One Filed• Set-One responses due	09/04/20 09/25/20
Pre-hearing tele-conference 11:00 a.m.	09/23/20
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	10/01/20
Deadline for Pre-filed Testimony and Responses to Interrogatories	10/08/20
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	10/08/20
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom conferencing (refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 490 project webpage for Zoom conferencing log in/call in)	10/15/20
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) (if necessary)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	10/15/20
Close of Public Comment Period	11/14/20
Draft Findings of Fact	11/19/20
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	12/03/20
Deadline for Decision	12/27/20
90-day extension of Deadline for Decision per Executive Order No. 7DDD	03/27/21

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