

DOCKET NO. 516R – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.	} Connecticut
	} Siting
	} Council
Court-ordered Remand Regarding Connecticut Siting Council’s February 15, 2024 Final Decision pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-183(j).	} June 20, 2025

Remand Decision and Order

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §16-50p and §22a-19 and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion for the 115-kilovolt (kV) rebuilt electric transmission facilities known as the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kilovolt (kV) Rebuild Project, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that there is a public need for the proposed facility and the effects associated with the construction of rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission facilities and associated equipment in Fairfield and Bridgeport and related improvements to the Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock, and Congress Street Substations in Bridgeport (Project), including effects on the natural environment, ecological balance, public health and safety, agriculture, forests and parks, scenic, historic, and recreational values, air and water purity, fish, aquaculture and wildlife are **disproportionate** either alone or cumulatively with other effects compared to need, **are** in conflict with the policies of the state concerning such effects, and are sufficient reason to deny the application.

Therefore, the Council **denies** a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need **for the Project**.

We hereby direct that a copy of the **Remand** Findings of Fact, **Remand** Opinion, and **Remand** Decision and Order be served on each **party and intervenor or its authorized representative**, as listed in the Service List, dated **December 24, 2024**, and notice of issuance published in The Connecticut Post in accordance with CGS §4-180(c) and CGS §16-50p(f).

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party **and intervenor** named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with RCSA §16-50j-17.