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Connecticut Siting Council
Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Docket No. 508 – UI Milford Project

Dear Attorney Bachman,

On April 28, 2022, the Connecticut Siting Council held a public hearing regarding the above captioned application. At that time, State Representatives Frank Smith and Kathy Kennedy testified concerning the UI's existing proposal to construct 5-8 new monopoles at a height more than 120' through the heart of beautiful downtown Milford.

The Milford Delegation herein submits its written testimony asking the CT Siting Council to reconsider the UI's pending application and its impact on Milford's historic downtown district, a cityscape maintained much of the past hundred years. The current UI plan as proposed would present a jarring imposition to our city center profile undermining views from all directions and diminishing the colonial character of our city.

We respectfully request an alternative configuration of the new transmission line between Beardsley Avenue and Gulf Street that involves rebuilding the existing catenary structure to support the new line. As you will recall, UI's existing proposal contemplates the construction of 5-8 new monopoles each at a height of at least 120 feet, and in most instances 135 feet through the heart of downtown Milford. We would point out Milford is one of the most historic downtown areas in the State of Connecticut with the tallest flagpole on its green in the State. An alternative configuration that makes use of the existing MTA catenary structures will largely maintain the existing viewshed and significantly mitigate, if not eliminate the adverse impacts to historic structures identified by the SHPO.

We urge the Siting Council to reconsider the current proposal and consider the alternative configuration that best preserves our scenic and historic downtown Milford. We appreciate your consideration in this matter and thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Charles Ferraro in black ink.

Charles Ferraro – State Representative CT-117

Handwritten signature of Kathy Kennedy in black ink.

Kathy Kennedy – State Representative CT-119

Handwritten signature of James Maroney in blue ink.

James Maroney – State Senator CT-14

Handwritten signature of Frank Smith in blue ink.

Frank Smith – State Representative CT-118