

June 6, 2005

Ms. Pamela B. Katz, P.E., Chairperson  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Docket No. 272 - Application of the CT Light & Power Co. and the United  
Illuminating Co. D&M Plan

Dear Ms. Katz:

I had been designated to be the recipient of any comments received by the City of Bridgeport on the D&M Plan as a part of the proposed Middletown-to-Norwalk 345kV Line Project. As of this date, I have received no phone calls or mail regarding this plan or the Middletown-to-Norwalk 345kV Line Project. However, I did receive one (1) e-mail from the President of the South End Neighborhood Council regarding the proposed Singer Substation Site.

Mr. Paul Boucher represents the South End Community Council, an organization of residents and businesses in the South End of Bridgeport that watch over developments affecting their neighborhood. They are well organized, vocal and have been briefed on the power line project at least twice to my recollection. Mr. Boucher's comments, concerning the proposed Singer Substation site, were as follows:

***“The South End Council liked the Main St. façade. We would have liked to have the landscape architect present to discuss the plantings.***

***I understand that any comments to be made to the CT Siting Council have to come from the City and not from our group. We have several comments:***

***We would like to see streetscape plantings along Atlantic and Henry St., as these two walls are not provided with a false façade.***

***Also, something other than the Pin Oaks that are planned. Here is a list of appropriate city trees with the Latin names.***

*Finally, an underplanting of Rhodes and Azaleas mixed in. A substantial tree girth and shrub height is also recommended for planting. Not a skinny little tree or 1 foot shrub from Home Depot.*

*Sycamore—Acer pseudoplatanus a.k.a. Sycamore Maple*

*London Plane—Oriental Plane might be better Platanus orientalis L.*

*Red Maple—Acer rubrum L. a.k.a.: Scarlet Maple*

*Marshall Seedless Green Ash—Fraxinus Pennsylvania Marshall Seedless*

*Little Leaf Linden—Tilia cordata Mill. a.k.a.: Small Leaf Lime*

*Keaki—Zelkova serrata (Thumb.) Mak. a.k.a.: Japanese Zelkova*

*Pin Oak—How about the Northern Red Oak – a native Quercus rubra*

*Allee Elm—Ulmus parvifolia Emer II Urban tolerant*

*Holly—spiny leaves will keep graffiti scoundrels away from the wall*

*English Holly—Ilex aquifolium L. (like David's)*

*Holly—Ilex aquifolium cv. Aurea Marginata - has yellow leaf edges*

*Hedgehog Holly—Ilex aquifolium cv. Ferox no berries, prickly*

*Thanks,  
Paul Boucher”*

A copy of his actual e-mail to me is attached.

This is the extent of comments received from the residents and businesses of Bridgeport.

Previously, the City of Bridgeport had provided its comments on the proposed power line route and the proposed Singer Substation Site and these comments have or are being addressed by the United Illuminating Co. (UI) team.

The City of Bridgeport has had a very good set of contacts with the UI team and we fully expect to continue to work with them on the implementation of the underground transmission lines as they traverse the city.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact either myself at 203.576-7191 or Associate City Attorney Melanie Howlett at 203.576-7647.

Very truly yours,

Michael P. Nidoh  
Director of Planning

Enclosure: (1)

Pc: Attorney Melanie Howlett- Office of the City Attorney (w/ attachment)  
Paul Boucher – S.E. Community Council (w/ attachment)