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Post-Construction Report

Date: May 30, 2012

Re: **DOCKET NO. 406** – United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, operation and maintenance of a telecommunications facility located at 100 Marsh Hill Road, Orange, Connecticut.

In this docket, United Illuminating proposed building a 100-foot self-supporting lattice tower at the southwest corner of the parking garage of a new Operations Center it was building on property formerly used as a drive-in movie and located adjacent to I-95. UI was the sole participant in this proceeding. The Council approved a facility with a 100-foot self-supporting lattice tower at the proposed site on January 20, 2011. The Development and Management Plan was approved on March 17, 2011.

I visited this site on May 30, 2012. At the time of my visit, all site construction work on the UI Operations Center appeared to be complete and UI was in the process of moving into its new facility. UI's tower was erected and its antennas were installed. However, the antennas were not operating at this time. One reason was that the dispatchers whose transmissions would be sent via the tower had not moved into the new facility yet. There was a small concrete block building next to the tower where the ground equipment was located.

Visibility of this tower is minimal. The nearest residential neighbors are located over 900 feet to the west and are shielded from views of the tower by thick stands of mature, deciduous trees. The closest land uses around the UI Operations Center are all commercial. There is some visibility of the tower from Marsh Hill Road where it runs along the Operations Center. Mature trees between I-95 and the Operations Center effectively screen the tower, except for a short distance along the highway.

Conditions observed at the site at the time of my visit conformed to the approved D&M plans.

View of tower



View of tower from entrance to Marriott Hotel to north of Operations Center

