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Mr. John Prete, Middletown/Norwalk Project Director  
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RE: Middletown To Norwalk Project  
Within the City of Bridgeport  
Alternative Substation Site

Dear Mr. Prete:

The City of Bridgeport, PSEG Power Connecticut, LLC, and the United Illuminating Company have met to discuss the siting of the proposed substation serving the proposed underground 345kV power line through the city of Bridgeport. The City supports the UI's proposed plan to place these power lines underground and we had previously voiced our support for the Singer Substation Site also known as Site #1. The PSEG Power Connecticut, LLC, and the United Illuminating Company have come back to the City with an alternative site for this substation that appears to be advantageous to both parties.

The City of Bridgeport has reviewed the alternative substation location identified as Site #8 that is immediately south of Site #1. Site #8 would be able to utilize the original route of the underground power lines with minimal adjustments and this site appears to be acceptable to the United Illuminating Co. The City finds that the alternative location is equally acceptable in that it continues to protect the integrity of the historic South End residential neighborhood by keeping the substation within the industrially zoned power plant's property.

We continue to engage the UI in discussions on several aspects of the project as follows:

- The proposed route will take these power cables under several railroad, highway, and river crossings that we are interested in reviewing the specific design plans at these locations.

- The City is interested in seeing the development of a traffic management plan during all aspects of the construction together with an open line of communication for any plan changes that may occur during the work. The City also has local ordinances covering utility companies' excavations in the streets and nighttime construction prohibitions that we will work with the company to resolve.
- The City strongly supports the siting of the proposed substation in Bridgeport at the alternative site discussed above. This site is more specifically identified as Site #8 and is located on Main Street on land that is presently owned by PSEG Energy. This site is adjacent to the existing power generating plant, is appropriately industrially zoned, and would have a minimal number of adverse impacts on the abutting residential neighborhood. The City would not look favorably on any sites that would adversely impact the residential land uses in the abutting South End neighborhood.

The City of Bridgeport recommends Site #8 to the Connecticut Siting Council for the proposed Bridgeport substation thereby protecting the integrity of the residential character of the City's South End neighborhood.

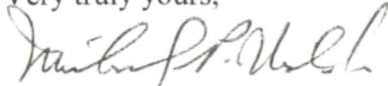
- The proposed power line route will cross an existing high-pressure natural gas line at the intersection of Myrtle and Railroad Avenues and at a location in proximity to the proposed substation at Site #8. The City is concerned over how these crossings will be handled and is working with the UI Company on this issue.
- The City of Bridgeport has plans to build a new Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) along the proposed route of the 345kV line and while the line itself is not an issue for us, the placement of the underground lines in proximity to the proposed structures would be. The City's plans call for the westward relocation of the existing Water Street at the current railroad station and the City desires to work with the company regarding the location of these lines in this area so as not to have to move them again.
- Finally, the City's Emergency Services personnel have discussed a training issue with the UI Company on how to respond to any potential problems at manhole or substation locations. As first responders, the Police and Fire Departments will require knowledge and training regarding a safe approach to these potential problems. The City has also created an Emergency Management Response Plan that will now need to incorporate the existence of this underground high-voltage power line and substation in its plan and there will be an on-going dialogue with the company regarding these items.

The City has had a good line of communication with the United Illuminating Company on this Middletown To Norwalk Project and fully expects to continue this working relationship throughout the project. There has been an expressed interest by the company to work with the City on all outstanding issues and we would expect this dialogue to continue even after the construction has been completed.

Once again, the City of Bridgeport supports the proposed 345kV underground power line and the alternative Site #8 for the substation and will work with the UI Company on all outstanding issues described above.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [nidohm0@ci.bridgeport.ct.us](mailto:nidohm0@ci.bridgeport.ct.us) or by phone at 203.576-7191.

Very truly yours,



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