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February 20, 2019

Amy Hicks Outreach Specialist, Public Outreach Projects, Technical Services The United Illuminating Company 180 Marsh Hill Road, 2nd Floor Orange, CT 06477

RE: **PETITION NO. 1176** – The United Illuminating Company declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Bridgeport 115-kV transmission line upgrade project consisting of the northern and southern sections of 115-kV lines extending from Congress Substation in the City of Bridgeport to Baird Substation in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, and related substation improvements.

Dear Ms. Hicks:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the second request for an extension of construction time for this declaratory ruling, dated February 20, 2019. Pursuant to Condition No. 3 of the Council's decision letter dated September 21, 2015, I have considered your second request for an extension of construction time for this project and grant a one-year extension of time until March 20, 2020, to complete the construction of this project.

This extension is granted with the understanding that the Council will be notified should The United Illuminating Company decide not to proceed with construction.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

c: The Honorable Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor, City of Bridgeport Kimberly G. Staley, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Bridgeport Thomas F. Gill, Director of Planning & Economic Development, City of Bridgeport The Honorable Laura R. Hoydick, Mayor, Town of Stratford Jay Habansky, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Town of Stratford

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Dear Attorney Bachman:

The United Illuminating Company ("UI") submits this Request for Extension pursuant to condition three of the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council") September 21, 2015 Decision and Order in the above captioned Petition. On July 16, 2018, the Council granted UI a sixmonth extension until March 21, 2019 to complete construction of the project. Unfortunately, due to continued and unanticipated delays with Metro-North outage schedules, UI has not been able to complete construction and it now appears it will not be able to do so by March 21, 2019 notwithstanding its best efforts. Accordingly, UI requests an extension until March 20, 2020 to complete construction. UI will notify the Council upon completion of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns in regard to this request at (203) 499-2586. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Hicks

Outreach Specialist

The United Illuminating Company

