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December 12, 2018

Nicholas J. Cicale, Esq.  
UIL Holdings Corporation  
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1304** – The United Illuminating Company declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Stratford 115-kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project consisting of the removal and relocation of northern and southern sections of existing 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line structures from Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) catenary structures within the Metro-North Railroad corridor to new 115-kV transmission line structures to be located within the existing ConnDOT right of way and upgrade of 115-kV conductors extending approximately 1.9 miles from UI's Baird Substation to just west of the Housatonic River in Stratford, Connecticut, and related substation improvements.

Dear Attorney Cicale:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated December 7, 2018 regarding the minor project changes to the above-referenced declaratory ruling that was approved by the Council on July 24, 2017. Pursuant to Condition No. 2 of the Council's Decision on July 24, 2017, your request for the following are hereby approved:

- a) Shift Structure No. 836N approximately 78 feet to the northeast;
- b) Shift Structure No. 837N approximately 82 feet to the northeast;
- c) Modify and improve access off of Route 1 to Structure Nos. 849S to 856S to utilize existing paved areas for safer access;
- d) Add additional access off of West Broad Street to Structure Nos. 827N through 834N utilizing existing paved areas for safer access; and
- e) Add additional access to the east off of the work pad for Structure No. 842N to improve safe access to Structure Nos. 843N to 846N.

The changes are necessary due to a new drainage culvert installed by the Town of Stratford adjacent to the Metro-North Railroad corridor, which impacts the locations of the structures. To accommodate these pole shifts, access road modifications are also required. However, both temporary wetland impact areas and vegetative clearing areas are reduced as result of these changes.

This approval applies only to the minor project changes dated December 7, 2018. Any significant changes to the project require advance Council notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Council Members



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