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Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail

March 23, 2015

Robert Stein
Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1120 – The United Illuminating Company Petition for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is Required for the Proposed Modifications to the Hawthorne Substation at 180 Hawthorne Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut

Dear Chairman Stein:

Please find enclosed the original and fifteen (15) copies of The United Illuminating Company's ("UI") responses to Intervenor Arthur Tournas' Second Set of Interrogatories, dated March 11, 2015 in connection with the above-referenced Petition. Additionally, UI will electronically file all responses and attachments via siting.council@ct.gov.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 499-2422 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

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As Agent for The United Illuminating Company

cc: Service List

Enclosures

Interrogatory TOU-II-1

The United Illuminating Company
Petition 1120

Witness: David Bradt
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Q-TOU-II-1: Ed Crowder, a U.I. spokesman, commented;

U.I. would like to see its substation on Hawthorne Drive improved. "We've been in the process of upgrading substations across our system, which are nearing the end of their useful life, so that we can continue to serve the region's growing need for electricity.

Does this mean that the above existing Station is nearing its useful life and that in the near future another modification and expansion will be needed at this location?

Will UI please elaborate in more detail regarding the above.

A-TOU-II-1: UI has no additional capacity upgrade plans at this substation within the ten year planning horizon.

UI continually assesses our system components to determine if upgrades are needed for any reason including aging infrastructure, capacity, or in order to meet reliability standard requirements. Over the years UI has upgraded a number of substation equipment components at Hawthorne substation, both within the building and also in the substation yard as needs were identified.

These prior upgrades in combination with the current proposed upgrade are expected to reliably serve area customers for many years to come.