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TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director **NAB**

RE: **PETITION NO. 1120** – The United Illuminating Company petition declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the Hawthorne Substation located at 180 Hawthorne Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The petition is from The United Illuminating Company (UI) for expansion of the Hawthorne Substation in the Town of Fairfield Connecticut. UI seeks to expand the substation to add two new capacitor banks to meet North American Electric Reliability Corporation reliability compliance requirements. The site is approximately 2,200 feet from the Town of Easton.

II. Technical

The petition includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The petition meets technical requirements for processing the petition. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The petitioner has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-40 have been provided to the Town of Fairfield and abutting property owners of the substation. Staff has determined the Town of Easton is approximately 2,200 feet from the facility and recommends UI provide service to the Town of Easton prior to the public hearing.

IV. Procedural

In response to requests for a public hearing on this petition, the Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on January 9, 2015. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the petition and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Lisa Matthews as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Fairfield on March 31, 2015, and depositing the transcript in the Fairfield and Easton Town Halls.

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Enclosure: Schedule