



VIA E-Mail

March 2, 2017

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

Re: **DOCKET NO. 465** – The United Illuminating Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of a 115/13.8-Kilovolt Replacement Substation Facility Located on an Approximately 1.5 Acre Portion of Two Adjoining UI-Owned Parcels Directly Adjacent to UI's Existing Baird Substation, 1770 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut, and Related Transmission Structure and Interconnection Improvements – **Request for D&M Modification**

Dear Chairman Stein:

The Connecticut Siting Council (the "Council") approved the Development and Management ("D&M") Plan submitted by The United Illuminating Company ("UI" or the "Company") in the above captioned proceeding on September 1, 2016 for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a substation located at 1770 Stratford Avenue in Stratford, Connecticut.

The Company hereby requests, in accordance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-62(b), that the Council approve a minor modification of the aforementioned D&M Plan. Specifically, UI requests permission to increase the height of the monopole referred to as "826S" from 80 to 95 feet. This change is more particularly described in a drawing included with this request and labeled Attachment A. The Company does not believe that this request represents a significant change as at 95 feet, monopole 826S will be equal in height to two other poles associated with this project. UI is confident that this request will not result in a significant change to the overall visual impact of the project.

The Company requests permission to increase the height of monopole 826S: (1) to avoid encroachment on the Two Roads Brewery property (an abutter), that would restrict the use of portions of the brewery property and require an easement; and (2) to ensure proper clearances from Metro North Railroad conductors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns in regard to this request at 203.499.2864. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

<u> James R. Morrissey</u>

James R. Morrissey Attorney UIL Holdings Corporation Counsel for The United Illuminating Company

Enclosure

cc: Service List

