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VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

August 11, 2014

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

Re: **PETITION NO. 1104** – Petition of The United Illuminating Company for a Declaratory Ruling that No Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is Required for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a 2.2 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Facility and a 2.8 MW AC Fuel Cell Facility on Seaside Landfill Located at 350 Waldemere Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Chairman Stein:

Pursuant to Section 6.6 of the above captioned Petition, The United Illuminating Company (“UI”) hereby provides notice of recent correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”).

After a review of the proposed project, the SHPO concluded, in a letter dated August 7, 2014 that “the proposed project will have no adverse effect” so long as the “solar field is adequately screened with plants consistent with Olmsted’s original design for the park.”

UI previously committed to such screening, and as suggested by the SHPO, will continue to work with the City of Bridgeport in pursuit of this commitment. Please find a copy of the above mentioned letter enclosed. If you have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-499-2864.

Very truly yours,

James R. Morrissey
UIL Holdings Corp.

cc: Parties and Intervenors
Lee D. Hoffman, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC



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August 7, 2014

Mr. Bruce McDermott
UIL Holdings Corporation
157 Church Street
Bridgeport, CT 06506

Subject: Renewable Energy Project
Seaside Park Landfill
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Mr. McDermott:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the information submitted for the above-named project in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. SHPO understands that the United Illuminating Company (UI) plans on constructing, operating, and maintaining an approximately 12.5 acre photovoltaic facility. Project plans call for a solar field of approximately 9,000 panels mounted onto a single tier racking system.

The proposed project area occupies a landfill that stopped receiving waste in 1999 and has been capped. The existing landfill is encompassed by Seaside Park, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Although originally a part of Seaside Park, the landfill was excluded from the nominated property, "because of the total loss of its original integrity as a historic parkland." It is the opinion of this office that the proposed project will have no adverse effect to this historic property with the condition that the solar field is adequately screened with plants consistent with Olmsted's original design for the park. SHPO encourages UI to continue working with the City of Bridgeport to develop appropriate screening.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For further information please contact Catherine Labadia, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 256-2764 or catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Forrest
State Historic Preservation Officer

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