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Via Electronic Mail

October 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:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, The United Illuminating Company (“UI”) submits the following proposed Development and Management (“D&M”) Plan change request in the above referenced Petition.

Specifically, in certain areas on the site, UI placed two rows of silt fencing as part of its stormwater pollution control and eastern box turtle management plans, as detailed in Appendix B, Figure 5 of the D&M Plan. UI proposes to reconfigure the distance between the two rows of silt fencing. UI constructed the silt fencing as contemplated and approved by the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) – maintaining ten feet of separation between the two rows. However, doing so impedes UI’s ability to construct proper slope ratios along the southern, western, and northwestern edges of the site. To facilitate the construction of proper slopes, UI must move one row of silt fencing closer to the other in the areas referenced above by a minimum of two feet and a maximum of eight feet, depending on the area. UI will maintain the outer layer of silt fencing while repositioning the inner layer at all times. I have enclosed a drawing depicting this proposed change for your review.

UI’s environmental and eastern box turtle consultants have both reviewed this proposed change and assert that it will provide an equal level of protection to what the Council originally approved. Both consultants will perform pre and post inspections of the site and the silt fencing to ensure the surrounding environment is properly protected.

Additionally, at the request of the abutters, UI proposes to access the area where UI will install visual mitigation measures (on the abutters' property), via the project site. To do so, UI will form small breaks in the silt fencing, deposit the landscaping material, and replace daily those portions of the silt fencing removed to facilitate access. As the trees UI will install are approximately fourteen feet in height, access via the abutters is difficult, considering the planting locations are on the very edge of each abutter's property. As noted, UI will replace any piece of silt fencing removed to provide access to an abutter's property, as soon as practicable but at least daily.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 203.499.2864.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Morrissey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James R. Morrissey
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As Agent for The United Illuminating Company

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Enclosures

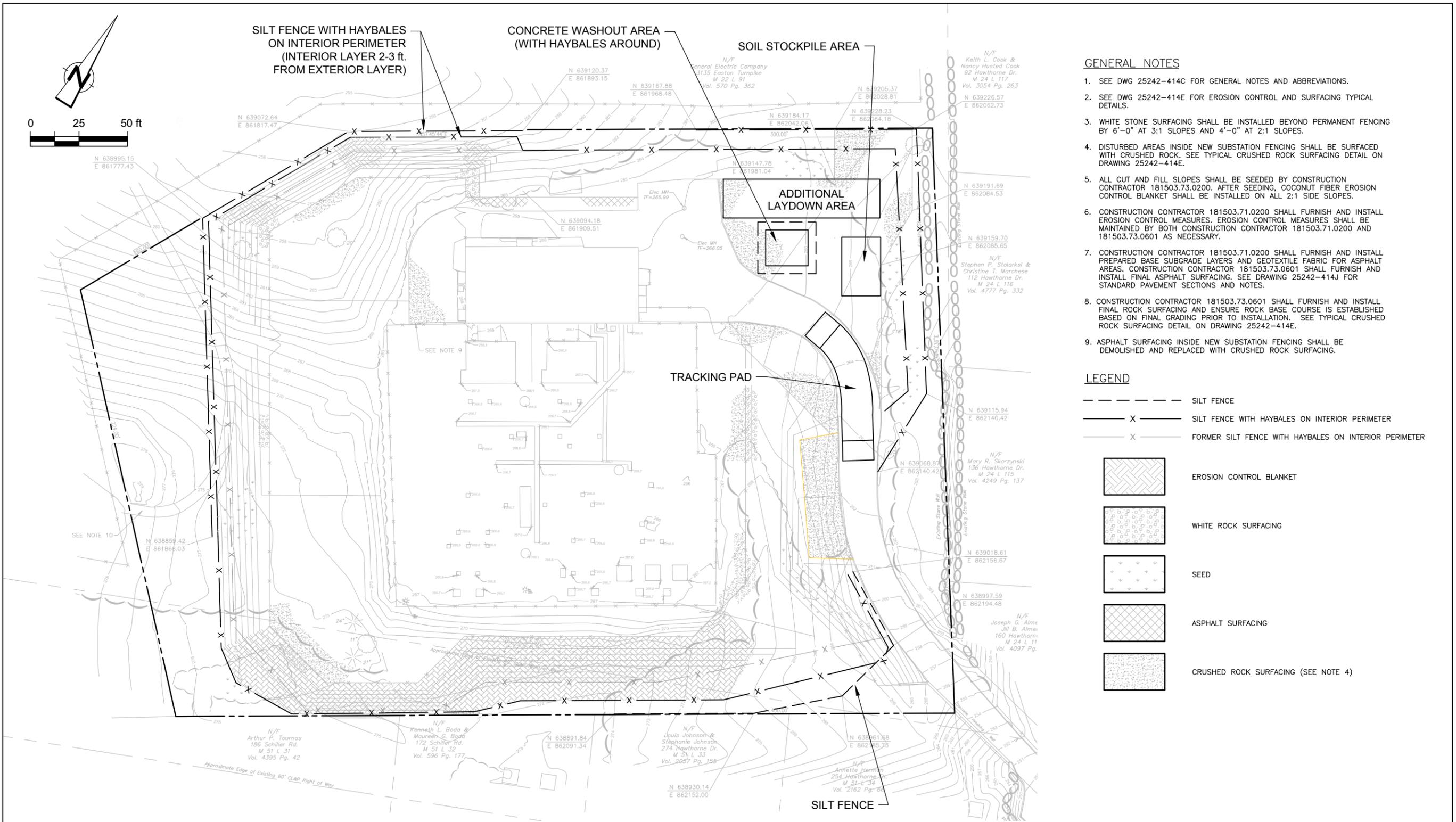


figure 6
 UPDATED SITE PLAN
 STORMWATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN
 180 HAWTHORNE DRIVE
 Fairfield, Connecticut



SOURCE: BLACK & VEATCH,
 EROSION CONTROL AND SURFACING - SITE, PLAN,
 HAWTHORNE SUBSTATION, DWG. No. 25242-414D,
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