

Connecticut Siting Council

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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 located at 180 Hawthorne Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Dear Connecticut Siting Council Members

The Concerned Citizens of North Stratfield, further know as The CCNF, are submitting the following facts in reference to the above petition dated Oct 30,2014 by the United Illuminating Company, further know as UI.

The Connecticut Siting Council, further know as "CSC" sent a letter to Richard Reed, UI's Vice president of Engineering & Project Excellence ,Nov 6,2014 stating that the above name petition was incomplete due to not submitting Proof of Service to the Town of Fairfield and Abutters to the property of 180 Hawthorne Dr, Fairfield Ct.( further known as the property). The csc specified in the letter that the Proof of Service must be submitted by Nov 15, 2014.

UI then forwarded Proof of service notice to CSC which showed four abutters & the town of Fairfield were noticed.

On Nov 25<sup>th</sup> a notice was sent out that a field inspection of the site/property would be conducted on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.Only two abutters were notified of this meeting.

On Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 sent to UI a Proof of service notice showing five addition abutters. Fact is this was after the date the CSC stated in their letter, dated November 6, 2014, that submission of proof of service must be by Nov 15, 2014.

The 5 addition abutters were notified of the petition only after the CSC at the Field Inspection on Dec 1, 2014, advised UI that obviously there are more than the four abutters than were originally sent the petition.

Ui still did not schedule another Field Inspection with the abutters which were not notified of the Dec 1, 2014 Field Inspection.

Without any further notice of a Field inspection or Neighborhood meeting by UI, the Town of Fairfield contacted UI and asked to schedule a meeting with the abutters and neighbors.

Only one member of the CCNS was notified of this meeting on Jan 23, 2014 and was asked to contact the other neighbors to advise them of the meeting which will be held on Feb 4, 2014 at Independence Hall in Fairfield.

Some of the neighborhood and abutters attended the meeting but because of the short notice given, many could not attend.

When UI was asked at the meeting why all abutters were not sent the petition they answered it was an oversight. Also asked to UI , why only 2 of the abutters were notified of the Field Inspection. A UI representative, said that is

not true. After a member of the CCNF presented a copy of the notice to the UI representative she then advised the other members of UI which were at the meeting, that it was correct only two abutters were notified. Again just an over site.

Again another excuse, by UI of not following proper CSC procedure and lack of UI to conduct Due Diligence prior to submitting the petition.

The obvious is that anyone who has conducted any type of site inspection, which we would concede that many UI top employees have, would have noticed that there are more than four abutting properties.

Since there have been some site clearing already done in the past few months the houses abutting are very noticeable from the sub station property . Clearly, three abutters on Schiller Rd which not only abut the property but the station as well and 3 others on Hawthorne, Drive which also abut the station.

In conclusion the CCNF feel that UI did not follow the proper procedures of the CSC and Section 16-50j-39a and section 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agency.

Further during the Fairfield Meeting the neighbors advised UI that 2 abutters still have not been notified. As of this date these abutters still have not been notified properly of the petition by UI.

CCNF feels this shows lack of Concern of UI to our neighborhood and it is our opinion that UI cut corners at the expense of our neighborhood to push this project thru without giving the neighbors and the citizens of Fairfield clear, accurate and complete information of this proposal to Modify and increase the size of the Hawthorne sub Station.

In our closing remarks the CCNF feels the petition should be denied as submitted, due to the fact that the filing of this petition did not meet the Connecticut State Agencies section # 16-50j-40.

The above mentioned facts show the lack of concern by UI to their neighbors, who are the abutters, the north Strafield section of Fairfield and the community of Fairfield as a whole.

Bottom line is that UI was negligence on follow proper State procedure and we feel it was done to try to proceed with this project without the neighborhoods full knowledge.

The CCNF have other concerns in regards to the petition and the answers that were submitted to the Interrogatories proposed to them by the siting council. CCNF will be addressing these concerns as interrogatories thru the siting Council.

We the CCNF submit these facts to CSC for their review to consider the UI petition #1120 as incomplete as submitted.

Yours Truly

The Concerned Citizens of North Fairfield