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January 14, 2015

Joseph Michelangelo, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Town of Fairfield
725 Old Post Road
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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 Mr. Michelangelo:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence concerning Petition No. 1120. During a meeting held on January 8, 2015, the Council voted to hold a public hearing to be held in the Town of Fairfield on this matter.

Before making any final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda. A copy of the public hearing notice will be mailed to you.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter. Your letter will be entered in the public comment file related to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

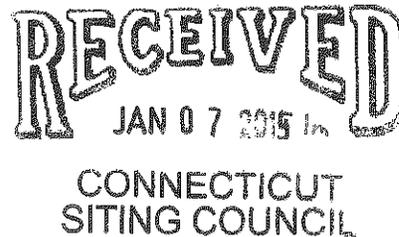
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c: Council Members
The Honorable Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman, Town of Fairfield
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Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 4:04 PM
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Cc: Mathews, Lisa A; Lesser, Stanton H.; Dubrosky, Thomas; Pulie, Laura
Subject: RE: Petition No. 1120, Hawthorne Substation, Fairfield

Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director
 Connecticut Siting Council
 Ten Franklin Square
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Dear Ms. Bachman:

Please enter these comments on behalf of the Town of Fairfield on the above referenced matter. We have received a copy of the letter from Robert Stein dated 12/16/14. We are delighted to see that the Siting Council is requesting this information from United Illuminating. We are unclear as to the benefits and/or detriments of the proposal from the information that has been submitted to date. The full impacts of this proposal to the Town and the residents are not apparent, and this requested information will help us identify any concerns.

I have the following requests:

1. An evening public meeting be held in Fairfield at which the details of the project are presented, so that local residents will be fully aware of this proposal and the potential impacts, and thus will have a full opportunity to be able to provide proper input to the project.
2. The new information that the Siting Council requested from United Illuminating be forwarded directly to my office, so that it may be disseminated to the appropriate Town Staff and local residents for review in a timely fashion.
3. There are eight residential properties, in addition to the General Electric property, which directly abut this United Illuminating substation. From what our residents have told us, it appears that several abutting property owners on Schiller Road only received a formal notice of this within the last week. If procedural errors were made in this process, we would ask that the time requirements and decision dates be extended to allow the abutters with proper time to respond. If some of the abutters have not received notice, I would ask that they be given formal notice, and that the hearings be rescheduled accordingly.
4. I understand a "Motion for Public Order" has been granted due to safety and security risks. As a municipality, we often encounter many similar issues and respect these concerns. However, there still needs to be an adequate level of information presented so that the full impacts are known before the initiation of the project.
5. Reports, detailed plans, and renderings of this project are necessary, but the full impacts may not be realized until construction is started. Is there a similar United Illumination Substation, either completed or under construction, that can be viewed for comparative purposes?

Thank you,

Joseph Michelangelo, P.E.