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Re: Trumbull Substation

Dear Julie:

Thank you for your letter of May 22, 2006 regarding the Trumbull Substation.

In your letter, you assert that the photosimulations provided by The United Illuminating Company ("UI") to your clients are of "questionable" accuracy. UI does not agree with that characterization. Nevertheless, in order to assure the accuracy of the photosimulations, earlier this week UI's engineer placed a 100' bucket truck at two locations on the property that will, after construction, be inside the proposed substation. Photographs were then taken from both Wildflower Lane and Stella Street (from the same perspective that Mr. Stanger used for the ".7" series). These photographs, as well as measurements of the depth of the tree layer between the substation property line and Mr. Stanger's property line taken in the area that, after construction, will be inside the proposed substation, will be used to "fine tune" the placement of the substation in the ".7" series viewshed and to re-verify the ".1" series viewshed. The photographs will not be used produce photosimulations of the visual impacts, if any, of the substation to Mr. Stanger upon completion of construction of the substation on Wildflower Lane.

During the meeting on May 10, 2006, your clients and the Trumbull town officials suggested placement of the substation at a new location on Site 6 (for purposes of this letter the site is referred to as "Site 6D"). Your letter asserts that the benefits of Site 6D are (i) "avoidance of impact to the Wildflower Coalition residents and their properties"; (ii) direct and indirect benefits to the Town of Trumbull; and (iii) lower substation implementation cost. While moving the proposed substation away from the proposed Wildflower Lane site would obviously be preferred by your clients, who live near the proposed site, based upon UI's field inspections of Site 6D, it remains the case that Site 1 is the preferred site for the substation. UI cannot comment on benefits to the Town, and your letter does not explain or describe the benefits that

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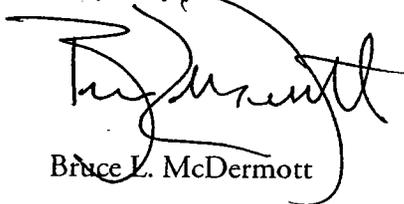
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you perceive from Site 6D. Nor have you provided a basis for the claim that the site has "lower implementation cost".

Site 1 appears to UI to be a substantially better choice for substation placement than Site 6D. UI's field review indicates that a substation on Site 6D would be located in a pristine, heavily wooded area in the vicinity of a stream. The area also has foot trails that are apparently used by local residents. Situating a substation on Site 6D would require the clear-cutting of trees situated on approximately 2.38 acres (96,000 square feet) of land. This acreage represents a significant portion of Site 6 and includes 2.23 acres for the substation and 0.15 acres for an access road from Quail Trail. This clear-cutting would substantially alter the existing character of the site. Moreover, the existence of the stream means that the substation cannot be located further east and away from residences on Quail Trail and Rolling Wood Drive. In contrast to Site 6D, Site 1 has already been partially developed, has no streams or wetlands, and does not require access roads since it provides for direct access from Wildflower Lane.

Site 6D has the additional disadvantage of a rocky and uneven terrain. If the terrain prevents the substation from sitting against the side of an on-site ravine, then it would have to be located further west, with higher site preparation costs, as well as being sited closer to the residential neighborhoods of Quail Trail, Leffert Road, and Oakridge Drive. By contrast, a majority of Site 1 is relatively flat and level, with a gentle southern slope at the site's eastern portion, thereby allowing for easier and less expensive substation siting.

Very truly yours,



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