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February 10, 2016

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 465** – The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115/13.8-kilovolt (kV) replacement substation facility located on an approximately 1.5 acre portion of two adjoining UI-owned parcels directly adjacent to UI's existing Baird Substation, 1770 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut, and related transmission structure and interconnection improvements.

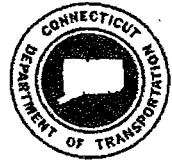
Comments have been received from the Department of Transportation, dated February 8, 2016. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



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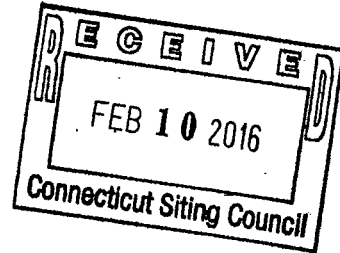


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Phone:

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February 8, 2016



Dear Ms. Bachman:

Subject: Docket 465
115/13.8 kilovolt Distribution Substation
1770 Stratford Ave.
Town of Stratford

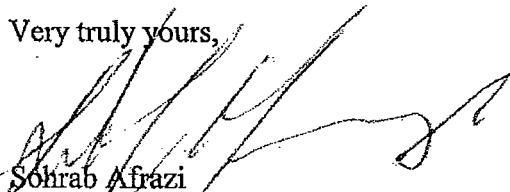
The Department of Transportation has reviewed the above-mentioned docket and offers the following comments.

The proposed project is on State Route 130 (Stratford Ave) which could result in encroachment on a State roadway. Therefore, United Illuminating (U.I.) must obtain a permit pursuant to the Highway Encroachment Permit Regulations in conjunction with the Connecticut General Statutes prior to performing any work within the state right of way.

The District 3 Permit Office will need four complete sets of construction plans which show all work within the state right of way, all site work, and any required easements and standard details for highway construction prior to issuing the encroachment permit.

Should you have any further questions, please contact, Ms. Latoya Smith, Utility Engineer (Utilities) at (860) 594-2533.

Very truly yours,


Sohrab Afrazi
Transportation Principal Engineer
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

attachments



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Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Docket # 465

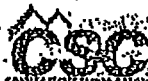
Location: 1770 Stratford Ave.
Stratford, CT

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?
 No
 Yes - Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.

2. Is access for construction and maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway.
 No
 Yes - Identify specify needs and access location.

3. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of Way?
 No
 Yes - Please provide an area and site plan.

4. Is the proposed facility within a two mile radius of any lands classified as preserved scenic land in accordance with CGS Section 13a-85a, "Acquisition of land adjacent to state highways for preservation and enhancement of scenic beauty and development of rest and recreation areas", or any designated scenic road in accordance with CGS Section 13b-31c, "Designation of scenic roads"?
 No
 Yes



Drawing 1 includes a U.S. Geological Survey map of the proposed Site and vicinity, as well as a current aerial photograph of the Site.

Figure V.A-1: General Property Location



Source: Google Earth, July 2015

The majority of the property consists of undeveloped land with trees and low-lying vegetation between the existing Baird substation and the adjacent parking lot. Inside of this wooded strip of land is an approximately 654-square-foot wetland as well as visible rock outcroppings. The eastern portion of the property consists of paved asphalt surfacing used for overflow parking by the Two Roads Brewing Company through an agreement with UI. The area to the north of the property consists primarily of low-lying vegetation and sparse trees as well as concrete footings and sections of rail from an abandoned railroad spur. UI presently uses portions of the property for staging equipment and vehicles for construction activities on UI's four 115 kV transmission circuits.