July 28, 2026

Mr. Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 26-08-05, Annual Energy Storage Solutions Program Review – Year 6, Compliance with Standing Order No. 15 of the Final Decision in Docket No. 25-08-05

Dear Mr. Gaudiosi:

The United Illuminating Company ("UI" or the "Company") submits the following report to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's ("PURA" or the "Authority") as compliance with Standing Order No. 15 of the Final Decision issued on December 17, 2025 in Docket No. 25-08-05 (the "Year 5 Decision").

Standing Order No. 15 states:

> *Reference Decision, Nov. 29, 2023, Docket No. 23-08-05, Order No. 26, p. 62: No later than August 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until the ESS Program stops accepting new enrollments, each EDC shall file as compliance an ESS Interconnection Report, as detailed in Section IV.D., in the applicable annual review proceeding (i.e., in 2024, Docket No. 24-08-05). The Report shall consist of a summary of the state of interconnection for all commercial ESS projects and shall include, at a minimum: (1) the interconnection status of each commercial ESS project; (2) the expected EDC interconnection approval due date for each commercial project per EDC interconnection guidelines, as applicable; (3) the date all required interconnection materials were submitted to the utility for each commercial ESS project; (4) the number of days from when all required interconnection materials were submitted to the utility for each commercial ESS project up to the completion of the interconnection process; (5) the attrition rate for all commercial ESS projects, based on the withdrawal of a project's interconnection application; (6) a list of the most common reasons for ESS interconnection delays; and (7) EDC-proposed solutions for each of the most common reasons delaying ESS interconnections.*

In compliance with Standing Order No. 15, UI provides Attachment 1 - ESS Interconnection Report to address data requests 1 through 5:

1. The interconnection status of each commercial ESS project - addressed in Column B
2. The expected EDC interconnection approval due date for each commercial project per EDC interconnection guidelines, as applicable – addressed in Column C

3. The date all required interconnection materials were submitted to the utility for each commercial ESS project – addressed in Column D
4. The number of days from when all required interconnection materials were submitted to the utility for each commercial ESS project up to the completion of the interconnection process – addressed in Column I
5. Of the 24 applications/projects captured, 12 have been withdrawn since submitting an interconnection application. Leading to a total attrition rate of 50%.

In compliance with Standing Order No. 15, UI provides the following information to address requests 6 and 7 raised by the Authority:

6. Consistent with the Authority's directives in Docket No. 25-01-27, UI has reviewed and incorporated relevant findings and recommendations from the 100-Day Sprint Report and the Final Decision issued on July 18, 2025.

   Participants in the 100-Day Sprint identified the below common causes for delays:
   - Incomplete or inaccurate applications
   - Complex technical reviews
   - Regulatory compliance burdens
   - High application volumes
   - Multi-team coordination challenges
   - Metering configuration and provisioning delays
   - System inefficiencies and resource constraints

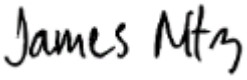
7. In alignment with the Authority's approved proposals from the 100-Day Sprint Report and the Final Decision in Docket No. 25-01-27, UI has implemented improvements to address the following proposals:
   - Proposal 5: PowerClerk has been enhanced to add a "chess clock", which will assign either the EDC or customer to a task, increasing assignee transparency and reducing incomplete or inaccurate application correction times.
   - Proposal 13: A mandatory pre-submission checklist for applicants has been established within PowerClerk to reduce application errors and improve completeness during the initial application stage.
   - Proposal 42: Multiple process improvements have been implemented across meter procurement, programming, and installation activities. These enhancements have streamlined internal operations and accelerated the timeline from Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) approval to permission to operate.

   The implementation of these solutions continues to assist with addressing the root causes of delays and improve the overall efficiency of the interconnection application process.

I hereby certify service of this filing upon all parties and interveners of record in this proceeding.

Respectfully,

Sincerely,



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As Agent for The United Illuminating Company