STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NON-WIRES SOLUTIONS PROCESS	**:**	**DOCKET NO. 26-08-08**
CYCLE 2	**:**	**FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

PROTECTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, The United Illuminating Company ("UI" or the "Company") has submitted a motion for protective treatment relating to certain information contained within the Company's Annual Electric Distribution Company ("EDC") Data Filing to be filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA" or the "Authority") in Docket No. 26-08-08, which the Authority has previously determined is subject to confidential treatment. See, Final Decision (the "Initiation Phase Decision"), Docket No. 24-08-08, at 5. See also, Ruling on Motion No. 4, Docket No. 25-08-08, at 1-2.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered, that the following procedure is adopted for the protection of the confidential information provided by UI ("Confidential Information"):

1. All confidential information provided by UI, whether in documentary form or otherwise, shall be identified as follows: "Docket No. 26-08-08 Confidential Information," and will be governed by the terms of this Protective Order (the "Order"). The Order is applicable to all such Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, data, testimony, studies, or otherwise.

2. All Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Order shall be given to Commissioners and staff of PURA, and the Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") and its staff, and any other compliant party identified in the Initiation Phase Decision, upon execution of the Nondisclosure Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (hereinafter, "Signatories") and Acknowledgment referenced below. Consultants retained by PURA and the OCC shall also be

provided with the Confidential Information upon such consultant's execution of the Nondisclosure Agreement, as well as the Acknowledgment referenced below.

3. Commissioners and staff of PURA are bound by the terms of the Order. The OCC (including staff members) shall be bound by the terms of the Order, provided that a duly authorized representative thereof has executed the Acknowledgment found at the close of the Order. Consultants retained by PURA and, the OCC, and staff of consultants shall also be bound by the terms of the Order, provided that a duly authorized representative thereof has executed the Acknowledgment found at the close of the Order.

4. All Signatories to this Order agree to be bound by its terms and shall not use or disclose the Confidential Information except for purposes of this proceeding. All parties, including consultants in receipt of any Confidential Information under the Order shall maintain a written log of all individuals granted access to said Confidential Information. All persons granted access to the Confidential Information shall neither use nor disclose the Confidential Information for purposes of business or competition, or for any other purpose, other than the purpose of preparation for and conduct of this proceeding solely as contemplated herein and shall in good faith take all reasonable precautions to keep the Confidential Information secure in accordance with the purposes and intent of the Order.

5. Confidential Information will be marked as such and submitted electronically by email to Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq., PURA Executive Secretary (Jeff.Gaudiosi@ct.gov). The email's subject line shall state in all capital letters "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE." Each page of any electronic confidential information shall also contain a header "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

6. Any Confidential Information made available pursuant to the Order shall be part of the record in the docket cited above, subject to the same relevancy and other evidentiary considerations as non-confidential information, subject to the conditions stated in Paragraphs Five and Six of the Order.

7. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any interrogatory, letter, petition, brief or other writing ("Document"), all reference to the Confidential Information in the Document shall be either:

a. in a separate document, prominently labeled "Proprietary Information", which document shall be safeguarded in accordance with the Order and distributed only to Directors and staff of PURA, to the OCC, and to Signatories; or

b. solely by title or exhibit reference, in a manner reasonably calculated not to disclose the Confidential Information.

8. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any proceeding or during the course of a public hearing before PURA or its Directors ("Hearing"), the Hearing shall not be held before, nor any record of it made available to, any party or other person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA and OCC staff. Presence at the Hearing shall be limited to one or more Directors and appropriate staff of PURA, representatives of UI, staff of the OCC, and Signatories to this Protective Order. No record shall be disclosed, nor any communication made, of use of the Confidential Information in the Hearing to any person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA and OCC staff. Any transcript or other recording of the Hearing which relates to the Confidential Information shall be placed in sealed envelopes or containers and a statement in the following form placed prominently on such envelope or container:

CONFIDENTIAL – PROPRIETARY
This envelope is not to be opened nor the contents to be displayed or revealed except pursuant to the pertinent Protective Order issued in Docket No. 26-08-08

9. Nothing herein shall be construed as a final determination that any of the Confidential Information will be admissible as substantive evidence in this proceeding or at any hearing or trial. Moreover, nothing herein shall be considered a waiver of any party's right to assert at a later date that the material is or is not proprietary or privileged. A party seeking to change the terms of the Order shall seek to do so by motion to PURA and give every other party five (5) business days' prior written notice. No information protected by the Order shall be made public until PURA rules on any such motion to change the terms of the Order. Confidential Information otherwise properly discovered, even though also subject to the terms of the Order, shall not be considered protected by the Order.

10. All copies of such Confidential Information shall be returned to UI no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of all appeal periods applicable to the final decision rendered in this proceeding.

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

By_____

Date _____

REVIEWED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has reviewed this Protective Order, and hereby agrees to abide by the terms thereof in exchange for receipt of the Confidential Information from The United Illuminating Company.

RECIPIENT: _____
REPRESENTING: Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
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NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

The United Illuminating Company ("UI" or the "Company") agrees to make available to the undersigned recipient ("Recipient") confidential and proprietary information filed in Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Docket No. 26-08-08 ("Confidential Information") subject to the terms of the Protective Order and the restrictions stated herein.

1. Any information provided to Recipient labeled "Confidential Information" by UI shall be Confidential Information subject to this Nondisclosure Agreement.

2. "CEII" means "Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information" as defined under applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") rules and policies.

3. "CIP" means "Critical Infrastructure Protection" information as defined under applicable North American Electricity Reliability Corporation ("NERC") standards and procedures.

4. "Critical Infrastructure" means existing and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity or destruction of which would negatively affect security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.

5. "Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information" means information related to Critical Infrastructure which inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure could create a risk to Critical Infrastructure, even if it does not qualify as CEII or CIP.

The Confidential Information is received by Recipient in confidence.

6. The Confidential Information shall not be used or disclosed by the Recipient except in accordance with the terms contained herein, in UI's Motion for Protective Order, and in the applicable Protective Order in Docket No. 26-08-08.

7. Only individuals, and not entities, may be Recipients of Confidential Information under this paragraph. The signatory below, who executes this Nondisclosure Agreement, must be a duly authorized representative or attorney of the Recipient who is a party in this proceeding. The Recipient acknowledges that he/she now represents or in the future may represent competitors or potential competitors of UI, and that disclosure of confidential and proprietary information of UI to competitors or use of such information for the benefit of competitors of UI could adversely affect UI and their customers. By executing this Nondisclosure Agreement, each Recipient certifies that he/she meets the requirements of this paragraph.

8. Recipient shall be responsible for any breaches of confidentially obligations committed by its employees with respect to the Confidential Information. In the event that Disclosing Party discloses any CEII, CIP, or Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to Receiving Party or Receiving Party otherwise obtains the same from Disclosing Party in any manner, Receiving Party shall, in addition to its obligations hereunder, fully comply with the provisions of Attachment 1 hereto. In the event that the provisions contained in this Agreement and Attachment 1 are inconsistent, the most restrictive provisions shall

apply. In the event Recipient wishes to disclose CEII, CIP, and Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to its Contract Personnel, Recipient shall cause any Contract Personnel to be bound by the conditions stated herein. Recipient may only disclose CEII, CIP and Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to the Contract Personnel listed in Attachment 2 incorporated herein, who have a need to know such Confidential Information to assist Recipient in furthering the Subject Activities specified in this Agreement. Recipient shall notify Disclosing Party in writing of any modification to Attachment 2 prior to releasing CEII, CIP and Other Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information to Contract Personnel.

5. The following conditions shall apply to each Recipient:

   a. Each Recipient will receive one (1) numbered, controlled copy of the Confidential Information. The Recipient shall not make any copies thereof or provide the Confidential Information to any individual or entity except one who has executed and delivered this Nondisclosure Agreement to UI.

   b. The Recipient shall maintain a log of all persons granted access to the Confidential Information.

   c. The Recipient, by signing this Nondisclosure Agreement, acknowledges that he/she may not in any manner disclose the Confidential Information to any person, and that he/she may not use the Confidential Information for the benefit of any person except in this proceeding and in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

   d. The Recipient acknowledges that any violation of this Nondisclosure Agreement may subject the Recipient to civil actions for violation hereof. Additionally, any Recipient who is an attorney acknowledges his/her ethical obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct to abide by this Nondisclosure Agreement and to handle properly confidential information that is subject to a protective order.

   e. Within thirty (30) days of the final decision in this Proceeding, Recipient shall return the Confidential Information to UI.

   f. Notwithstanding the return of the Confidential Information or completion or termination of the Purpose, Receiving Party's obligations to maintain confidentiality of any CEII disclosed by Disclosing Party under this Agreement, including any CEII notes, shall continue until the CEII is no longer designated as CEII by Disclosing Party, or FERC or a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the information does not qualify as CEII.

RECIPIENT:

By: _____

Dated: _____

ATTACHMENT 1
Critical Energy Infrastructure Information

A. For purposes of these provisions, the term "Receiving Party" means someone who is approved to receive CEII in accordance with the provisions of this Attachment 1 (the "Provisions").

B. Receiving Party may only discuss CEII with another Receiving Party of the identical CEII. Receiving Party may check with Disclosing Party to determine whether another individual is a Receiving Party of the identical CEII.

C. If Receiving Party submits information to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") that includes CEII obtained under these Provisions, portions of the filing containing CEII must be submitted in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 388.112(b).

D. Receiving Party may use CEII as foundation for advice provided to others but may not disclose CEII to another individual unless that individual is an approved Receiving Party of the same CEII.

E. Receiving Party will not knowingly use CEII for an illegal or non-legitimate purpose.

F. All CEII shall be maintained by Receiving Party in a secure place. Access to these materials shall be limited to other Receiving Parts of the identical material. Receiving Party may make copies of CEII, but such copies become CEII and subject to these same procedures. Receiving Party may make notes of CEII, which shall be treated as CEII notes if they contain CEII.

G. Immediately upon request by Disclosing Party, but in no event later than ten (10) business days after the Purpose has been completed, terminated, or is otherwise no longer applicable, Receiving Party shall promptly return to Disclosing Party or destroy (at Disclosing Party's option) CEII provided to Receiving Party, except that CEII notes may be retained in accordance with Paragraph F above. Within such time period, Receiving Party if requested to do so, shall also submit to Disclosing Party an affidavit stating that, to the best of his or her knowledge, all CEII has been returned or destroyed and that CEII notes have either been returned, destroyed or maintained by Receiving Party in accordance with Paragraph F.

H. Receiving Party remains bound by these Provisions unless Disclosing Party or the FERC rescinds the Procedure and these Provisions, or a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the information does not qualify as CEII.

I. Disclosing Party may request that FERC audit Receiving Party's compliance with these Provisions.

J. All violations of these Provisions will be reported to the FERC, and the FERC will determine whether to take action.

ATTACHMENT 2
Recipient's Contract Personnel that may receive CEII

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