**The United Illuminating Company** **Witness: Robert Whelan**
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**Docket No. 26-08-08** 

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**RSR-016 Q:**

Provide an update on the status of the three-energy storage system pilot projects approved in Docket No. 22-06-05, PURA Implementation of Public Act 22-55. Explain whether UI is developing and plans to issue an RFP for these projects and provide a timeline for the procurement.

**RSR-016A**:

In Docket No. 22-06-05[1], the Authority approved three UI Energy Storage System (ESS) pilot projects located in Bridgeport, North Haven, and New Haven. UI is actively developing all three projects.

For the New Haven project, UI will issue the Engineering RFP and the BESS RFP in Q2 of 2026. These solicitations initiate the vendor selection process for engineering services and battery equipment.

For the Bridgeport project, consistent with the Company's RAM Panel testimony filed on Jan. 15, 2026, in Docket No. 26-01-04[2], UI may commence work in 2026, including planning and engineering activities such as internal labor, PMO support, real estate, and overhead. The testimony identifies 2026 Capex for these activities and confirms initiation this year.

For the North Haven project, UI is actively developing the North Haven pilot and will apply the same standardized RFP framework. No RFP release date has been established, and timing will be coordinated as project scoping and development activities mature.

UI is moving all three approved ESS pilots forward—New Haven's procurement is scheduled for early Q2 2026, Bridgeport will initiate planning and engineering work in 2026, and North Haven continues development ahead of a future RFP release. Together, these efforts position the projects to advance on schedule as scoping and procurement activities mature.

[1] Docket No. 22-06-05 Final Decision
[2] Docket No. 26-01-04 K&M Written Testimony