STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
EDUCATION, OUTREACH, & ENFORCEMENT

October 14, 2026
In reply, please refer to:
Docket No. 26-08-16

Chairman Thomas H. Wiehl
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 26-08-16 - Appeal of Tree Warden's Decision Pursuant to General Statutes 16-234(c)(6) – 452 Lockwood Road, Fairfield, CT 06825 Rd., - MOTION TO CLOSE THE DOCKET

Dear Chairman Wiehl:

The Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement (EOE) respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority) close the present docket.

On August 13, 2026, Applicant Dariusz Zumbrzycki sent a letter of appeal to the Authority requesting reconsideration of Jeff Minder's (Tree Warden, Town of Fairfield) determination for United Illuminating (UI) to trim rather than remove the subject tree[1] located at Applicant's property, 452 Lockwood Road, Fairfield, CT (Property). Specifically, Applicant contested the proposed targeted pruning of branches and limbs, advocating instead for removal of the tree alleging safety concerns based on the condition of the tree. In Response, the Authority initiated this contested proceeding to address the issues raised on the application.

On August 26, 2026, EOE initiated informal steps to communicate with the parties to obtain additional information, e.g., the species, size and condition of the tree, and to outline potential mediation options versus preceding to a hearing pursuant to General Statutes §16-234(c)(6)(B). EOE continued, unsuccessfully, to reach out to the parties until September 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Conn. Agencies Regs. 16-1-25, on September 30, 2026, the Authority issued Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order for an evidentiary hearing on Monday, October 19, 2026, including Interrogatories to the Town of Fairfield and UI (PURA-1 through PURA-4). On October 14, 2026, Tree Warden explained to EOE that he met with the Applicant and that after some discussion Applicant agreed to targeted pruning of the

[1] Initially, Applicant consented to UI's Customer Notification of Proposed Tree Work to remove a tree from the Property.

subject tree and that Applicant seeks to withdraw his appeal. Applicant's email, filed as correspondence on the same day, confirms the withdrawal of his appeal.

Accordingly, since the parties have reached an agreement and the issue has been resolved, EOE respectfully requests that the Authority close the docket.

Sincerely,
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement

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