



UNITED ILLUMINATING STRATFORD 115-kV TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADES

PROJECT UPDATE

The Stratford 115kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project entails the removal of existing 115-kV support structures presently positioned on top of railroad lattice structures located along the Metro-North Railroad (MNR) corridor. As part of this project The United Illuminating Company (“UI”) is installing 8 new monopoles within the MNR corridor adjacent to the Contract Plating and Raymark OU-4 site (also known as the former Raybestos Memorial Field).

Consistent with best practices, UI has characterized the soil in the areas where it is installing foundations for the new transmission monopoles. Additionally, UI has a full understanding of the environmental conditions and risks in these areas.

To date UI’s environmental analysis has included:

- Consultations with the Town of Stratford
- Consultations with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Consultations with both United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP)
- Significant and ongoing due diligence

UI has identified one monopole location on the MNR right of way just south of the former Raybestos Memorial Field and west of Frog Pond Lane where air monitoring will be appropriate. UI will be utilizing enhanced personal protection equipment for its workers and contractors during drilling activities at this one location. The Town of Stratford, the EPA, and the USACE will each review UI’s monitoring plan. Our air monitoring plan will be as stringent as the EPA’s monitoring plan for the area. The activity at this specific location is expected to last only one day, while other activities will extend over the longer period as described below in the Scope of Work.

Over the course of the Project, UI will continue to work and coordinate with the Town of Stratford, the USACE and EPA to access and to adhere to appropriate public safety standards.

Project Overview

The Stratford 115kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project is a rebuild of UI’s transmission lines along the Metro-North Corridor from Bridgeport to Milford with the installation of 63 foundation supported galvanized steel transmission monopoles. The project extends for approximately 1.9 miles, from UI’s Baird Substation, to just west of the Housatonic River and has been approved by the Connecticut Siting Council and is subject to several state and federal permitting programs. Construction is expected to continue until 2021.

Project Need

The existing transmission lines which were installed in the early 1900’s, may be subject to damaging overload conditions and structural deficiencies.

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For information on the Petition submitted to the CT Siting council you may visit their website at www.ct.gov/csc and reference Petition No. 1304

Scope of work within the general project area

- Install and removal of access roads; foundations poured; 8 monopoles will be sited; conductor installed; and removal of old conductor and bonnet structures.
- Total vehicle cycles – approximately 50
- Duration – Approximately 18 to 35 days

FAQs

- Approximate date range of this phase of construction: April 2020 – December 2020
- Date range of complete project construction: Dec. 2019 – Sept. 2021
- Construction will typically take place between Mon-Fri, 7 am to 5 pm; work on Saturdays or Sundays may be required to coordinate with other stakeholder schedules- (EPA, USACE, CTDEEP, MNR, Town of Stratford)
- No planned power outages are expected or scheduled at this time

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