

to be carried out in the state.¹ The Company understands that this docket, and these developments, are of concern to the Company's customers and to the municipalities within UI's service territory, and clarification would be helpful as to the roles of the municipalities and customers in the new vegetation management process.

During the proposed technical meeting, customers and municipalities will have the opportunity to discuss their concerns, and UI will be able to clarify and respond to the concerns that have been expressed to the Company regarding the scope of its vegetation management program and more specifically as to the role of the towns and property owners in the program. Additionally, the technical meeting will afford everyone the opportunity to discuss the balance and shared underlying objective of decreasing the damage to utility facilities caused by trees during and after extreme weather, while maintaining the character of our communities. We hope and believe those discussions will assist the Authority in the finalization of the decision in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The developments include the issuance of the SVMTF Report on August 24, 2012, the Authority's approval of UI's rate case in Docket No. 13-01-1 which provides for funding of the Company's Enhanced Tree Trimming initiative and the passage of Section 60 of Public Act 13-298 that, among other things, modified the notification requirements associated with tree trimming activities.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that on this 27th day of January, 2014, an original of the foregoing will be delivered by hand to Nicholas E. Neeley, Acting Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, one (1) copy will be delivered by e-mail on this 27th day of January, 2014, to the Office of Consumer Counsel, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, and one (1) copy will be mailed, postage prepaid or e-mailed, on this 27th day of January, 2014, to all other known parties and intervenors.

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