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April 4, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq. Executive Secretary Public Utilities Regulatory Authority 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 76-03-07 Investigation to Consider Rate Adjustment Procedures and Mechanisms Appropriate to Charge or Reimburse the Consumer for Changes in the Cost of Fossil Fuel and/or Purchased Gas for Electric and Gas Public Service Companies –Order No. 1

Dear Mr. Gaudiosi:

The United Illuminating Company ("UI or Company") submits the calculation of rate of return on common stock equity (ROE) on a Distribution-only basis (i.e., total Company excluding Transmission) in compliance with the above-referenced proceedings and in response to the Authority's letter request dated March 27, 2003.

Exhibits 1a through 1e – Average ROE for UI Distribution of 8.52% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015.

Exhibit 2a through 2e - Average ROE for UI Distribution of 1.75% for the three months ended December 31, 2015.

If the Authority or the Staff has any questions regarding this filing, please call me at 203-499-2323.

Very truly yours,

Steven P. Favuzza
Vice President, Treasurer & Controller
UIL Holdings Corporation
As Agent for The United Illuminating Company

Attachments

Exhibit 1a

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME TWELVE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2015

Distribution Company

| Distribution Company | | |
|--|----|------------------|
| SALES OF ELECTRICITY | | |
| Residential Service | \$ | 222,901,450 |
| Commercial Service | Ψ | 129,641,234 |
| Industrial Service | | |
| Other Sales to Ultimate Consumers | | 19,185,338 |
| | | 9,066,488 |
| Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers | | 380,794,510 |
| Sales for Resale | | - |
| Total Sales of Electricity | | 380,794,510 |
| • | | |
| OTHER ELECTRIC REVENUES | | 10,949,167 |
| TOTAL ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | | 391,743,677 |
| ELECTRIC OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| Operation & Maintenance Expenses | | 199,777,601 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | - | 55,090,161 |
| Total Taxes | | |
| | | 73,640,453 |
| Other interest charges | | |
| Total Electric Operating Expenses | | 328,508,216 |
| NET EL POTRIO ORER ATRIO RELIGIANO | | |
| NET ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | | 63,235,462 |
| INCOME FROM ELECTRIC PLANT LEASED TO OTHERS | | - |
| ELECTRIC UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | 63,235,462 |
| OTHER UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | _ |
| DISPOSITION OF UTILITY PROPERTY | | _ |
| TOTAL UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | 62.225.462 |
| | | 63,235,462 |
| OTHER INCOME AND DEDUCTIONS - NET | | 14,377,046 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR EQUITY FUNDS USED DURING CONSTRUCTION | | 4,271,920 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 81,884,428 |
| | | |
| INTEREST CHARGES AND DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED SECURITIES | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | | 29,559,362 |
| Amort. Debt Disc., Prem. & Expense | | 1,440,949 |
| Interest expense from associated companies | | |
| Other Interest Charges | | 2,116,953 |
| Interest income on Seabrook obligation bonds | | 2 ,,,,,,, |
| Dividends on Preferred Securities | | _ |
| Allowance for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction - Credit | | (2.202.25() |
| • | | (2,303,256) |
| Net Interest Charges | | 30,814,007 |
| INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS | | 51 070 401 |
| | | 51,070,421 |
| EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS - NET | | |
| NET INCOME | | 51,070,421 |
| PREMIUM (DISCOUNT) ON REDEMPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK | | - |
| DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED STOCK | | _ |
| BALANCE FOR COMMON STOCK | \$ | 51,070,421 |
| | | 31,010,721 |

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME (RATEMAKING)

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2015 Distribution Company

| OPERATING REVENUES | | |
|--|----|-------------|
| Residential Service | \$ | 222,901,450 |
| Commercial Service | | 129,641,234 |
| Industrial Service | | 19,185,338 |
| Other Sales to Ultimate Consumers | | 9,066,488 |
| Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers | | 380,794,510 |
| Sales for Resale | | |
| Total Sales of Electricity | | 380,794,510 |
| OTHER ELECTRIC REVENUES | | 10,949,167 |
| TOTAL ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | | 391,743,677 |
| ELECTRIC OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| Operation & Maintenance Expenses | | 197,970,536 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 0. | 55,090,161 |
| Total Taxes | | 74,378,639 |
| Other Interest Expense | | - |
| Total Electric Operating Expenses | | 327,439,336 |
| NET ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | | 64,304,341 |
| INCOME FROM ELECTRIC PLANT LEASED TO OTHERS | | |
| ELECTRIC UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | 64,304,341 |
| OTHER UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | |
| DISPOSITION OF UTILITY PROPERTY UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | \$ | 64,304,341 |

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY RATE BASE AT December 31, 2015 AND RATE OF RETURN ON RATE BASE

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2015

REFLECTING THE DECISION TO DOCKET NOS. 840601, 880914, 920605, 960329, 990304, 990335 AND 01-10-10

| | Average | End of Period December 2015 |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rate Base: | | |
| Utility Plant in Service | \$ 1,548,982,344 | \$ 1,600,142,796 |
| Less: Accum. Prov. For Depr. & Amort. | | |
| & Cost of Removal | 435,390,610 | 430,196,905 |
| Net Utility Plant in Service | 1,113,591,734 | 1,169,945,892 |
| Add: | | |
| Working Capital | 27,682,064 | 29,334,638 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 2,892,856 | 1,669,677 |
| Regulatory Asset - SFAS 158 | 190,371,919 | 174,492,564 |
| Regulatory Asset - Enhanced Tree Triming | 13,589,600 | 17,760,370 |
| Deferred Taxes: | | |
| Pension Costs | (21,940,640) | (21,461,235) |
| 2013 Rate Case Storm Reserve | 1,534,325 | 1,945,866 |
| Pension Liability (taxes on SFAS 158) | 79,473,362 | 69,347,714 |
| Injuries and Damages | 1,536,515 | 1,528,558 |
| Vacation Accrual | 1,026,050 | 1,026,050 |
| Allowance for Bad Debt | 1,248,718 | 1,399,549 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Customer Advances for Construction | 957,651 | 516,470 |
| Allowance for Bad Debt | 3,130,769 | 3,500,000 |
| Pension Liabilities | 157,291,239 | 153,844,266 |
| 2013 Rate Case Storm Reserve | 3,755,997 | 4,763,441 |
| Reserve for Injuries and Damages | 3,669,433 | 3,649,955 |
| Accrued Vacation | 2,568,947 | 2,568,947 |
| Deferred Taxes: | | |
| Accelerated Tax Depreciation | 110 402 021 | 120 029 005 |
| Regulatory Asset - SFAS 158 | 118,486,861 79,473,362 | 130,028,995 |
| Pensions (account 282) | (7,558,250) | 69,347,714 (5,718,184) |
| Regulatory Asset - Enhanced Tree Triming | 5,051,964 | 7,255,111 |
| Repairs and maintenance deduction | 108,781,010 | 119,119,063 |
| Rate Base | \$ 935,397,520 | \$ 958,113,865 |
| Returns on Ratebase: | | |
| Operating Income | \$ 64,304,341 | \$ 64,304,341 |
| Rate of Return on Rate Base | 6.87% | 6.71% |
| some to address to comb Dude | <u>0.0770</u> | <u>0.7170</u> |

The United Illuminating Company
Rate of Return on Rate Base Common Stock Equity
For Twelve Months Ended
December 31, 2015
Distribution Company

| | ŀ | Average | | | | End of Period | po | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Capitalization Ratio | Average Rate Base | Embedded <u>Cost</u> | Return | Capitalization Ratio | Rate Base | Embedded Cost | Return |
| Total | | \$ 935,397,520 | | \$ 64,304,341 | | \$ 958,113,865 | 5 | 64.304.341 |
| Less Long-term Debt | 49.29% | 461,057,438 | 5.18% | | 49.66% | 475,799,345 | 5.21% | 24,772,989 |
| Preferred Stock and Preferred Securities | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 |
| Applicable to Common Stock | \$0.71% | \$ 474,340,082 | и | \$ 40,405,591 | 50.34% | \$ 482,314,520 | <u> </u> | 39,531,352 |
| Rate of Return on Rate Base Common Stock Equity | | | | 8.52% | | | | 8.20% |

Exhibit 1e

The United Illuminating Company Rate of Return on Common Stock Equity For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2015 Distribution Company

End of Period:

Income for Common Stock
Common Stock Equity

\$\frac{\$ 51,070,421}{\$ 868,944,112} = 5.88%

Average:

Income for Common Stock
Common Stock Equity

\$ 51,070,421 \$ 874,524,299

5.84%

Exhibit 2a

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME THREE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2015

| Distribution Company | | |
|--|-----|-------------|
| SALES OF ELECTRICITY | | |
| Residential Service | \$ | 50,180,332 |
| Commercial Service | u u | 30,553,295 |
| Industrial Service | | |
| | | 4,810,636 |
| Other Sales to Ultimate Consumers | | 2,276,431 |
| Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers | | 87,820,693 |
| Sales for Resale | | |
| Total Sales of Electricity | | 87,820,693 |
| , | | 07,020,073 |
| OTHER ELECTRIC REVENUES | | 8,386,519 |
| | | |
| TOTAL ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | | 96,207,212 |
| ELECTRIC OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| Operation & Maintenance Expenses | | 50,083,602 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | | 14,594,273 |
| Total Taxes | | |
| | | 17,293,081 |
| Other interest charges | | |
| Total Electric Operating Expenses | | 81,970,957 |
| NET ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | | 14,236,255 |
| INCOME FROM ELECTRIC PLANT LEASED TO OTHERS | | 1 1,230,255 |
| | | - |
| ELECTRIC UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | 14,236,255 |
| OTHER UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | - |
| DISPOSITION OF UTILITY PROPERTY | | |
| TOTAL UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | | 14,236,255 |
| OTHER INCOME AND DEDUCTIONS - NET | | 4,147,740 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR EQUITY FUNDS USED DURING CONSTRUCTION | | |
| | | 1,263,654 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 19,647,649 |
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| INTEREST CHARGES AND DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED SECURITIES | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | | 7,497,813 |
| Amort. Debt Disc., Prem. & Expense | | 350,372 |
| Interest expense from associated companies | | - |
| Other Interest Charges | | 530,658 |
| Interest income on Seabrook obligation bonds | | - |
| Dividends on Preferred Securities | | _ |
| Allowance for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction - Credit | | (677,106) |
| Net Interest Charges | | 7,701,738 |
| Not interest charges | | 7,701,736 |
| INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS | | 11,945,911 |
| EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS - NET | | |
| NET INCOME | | 11,945,911 |
| | | 11,743,711 |
| PREMIUM (DISCOUNT) ON REDEMPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK | | - |
| DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED STOCK | | - |
| BALANCE FOR COMMON STOCK | \$ | 11,945,911 |

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME (RATEMAKING)

THREE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2015 Distribution Company

| OPERATING REVENUES | |
|---|------------------|
| Residential Service | \$ 50,180,332 |
| Commercial Service | 30,553,295 |
| Industrial Service | 4,810,636 |
| Other Sales to Ultimate Consumers | 2,276,431 |
| Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers | 87,820,694 |
| Sales for Resale | - |
| Total Sales of Electricity | 87,820,694 |
| OTHER ELECTRIC REVENUES | 8,386,519 |
| TOTAL ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | 96,207,213 |
| ELECTRIC OPERATING EXPENSES: | |
| Operation & Maintenance Expenses | 49,477,724 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 14,594,298 |
| Total Taxes | 17,540,582 |
| Other Interest Expense | _ |
| Total Electric Operating Expenses | 81,612,604 |
| NET ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES | 14,594,609 |
| INCOME FROM ELECTRIC PLANT LEASED TO OTHERS | |
| ELECTRIC UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | 14,594,609 |
| OTHER UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | • |
| DISPOSITION OF UTILITY PROPERTY | 14 504 602 |
| UTILITY OPERATING INCOME | 14,594,609 |

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY RATE BASE AT December 31, 2015 AND RATE OF RETURN ON RATE BASE

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2015

REFLECTING THE DECISION TO DOCKET NOS. 840601, 880914, 920605, 960329, 990304, 990335 AND 01-10-10

| | Average | End of Period December 2015 |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rate Base: | £ 1.576.634.059 | A 1 (00 140 F0) |
| Utility Plant in Service Less: Accum. Prov. For Depr. & Amort. | \$ 1,576,634,952 | \$ 1,600,142,796 |
| & Cost of Removal | 430,933,663 | 420 104 006 |
| Net Utility Plant in Service | 1,145,701,289 | 430,196,905 1,169,945,892 |
| | , , , | , , =,== |
| Add: | | |
| Working Capital | 29,845,486 | 29,334,638 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 1,900,419 | 1,669,677 |
| Regulatory Asset - SFAS 158 | 187,394,540 | 174,492,564 |
| Regulatory Asset - Enhanced Tree Triming | 17,208,271 | 17,760,370 |
| Deferred Taxes: | | |
| Pension Costs | (21,515,366) | (21,461,235) |
| 2013 Rate Case Storm Reserve | 1,833,857 | 1,945,866 |
| Pension Liability (taxes on SFAS 158) | 77,574,803 | 69,347,714 |
| Injuries and Damages | 1,595,860 | 1,528,558 |
| Vacation Accrual | 1,026,050 | 1,026,050 |
| Allowance for Bad Debt | 1,368,911 | 1,399,549 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Customer Advances for Construction | 777,168 | 516,470 |
| Allowance for Bad Debt | 3,425,000 | 3,500,000 |
| Pension Liabilities | 159,499,408 | 153,844,266 |
| 2013 Rate Case Storm Reserve | 4,489,247 | 4,763,441 |
| Reserve for Injuries and Damages | 3,814,709 | 3,649,955 |
| Accrued Vacation | 2,568,947 | 2,568,947 |
| Aborded Vacation | 2,300,747 | 2,300,547 |
| Deferred Taxes: | | |
| Accelerated Tax Depreciation | 122,512,233 | 130,028,995 |
| Regulatory Asset - SFAS 158 | 77,574,803 | 69,347,714 |
| Pensions (account 282) | (9,256,640) | (5,718,184) |
| Regulatory Asset - Enhanced Tree Trimming | 6,390,584 | 7,255,111 |
| Repairs and maintenance deduction | 116,205,423 | 119,119,063 |
| Rate Base | \$ 955,933,239 | \$ 958,113,865 |
| Returns on Ratebase: | | |
| Operating Income | \$ 14,594,609 | \$ 14,594,609 |
| Rate of Return on Rate Base | | |
| Rate of Return on Rate Base | <u>1.53%</u> | 1.52% |

The United Ithuminating Company
Rate of Return on Rate Base Common Stock Equity
For Three Months Ended
December 31, 2015
Distribution Company

| | | Average | | | | End of Period | po | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------|--|
| | Capitalization Ratio | Average Rate Base | Embedded Cost | Return | Capitalization Ratio | Rate <u>Base</u> | Embedded <u>Cost</u> | Return | |
| Total I see | | \$ 955,933,239 | • | 14,594,609 | | \$ 958,113,865 | s, | 14,594,609 | |
| Long-term Debt | 49.48% | 472,995,767 | 1.30% | 6,150,583 | 49.66% | 475,799,345 | 1.30% | 6,193,247 | |
| Preferred Stock and Preferred Securities | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | %00.0 | 0 | %00.0 | 0 | |
| Applicable to Common Stock | 50.52% | \$ 482,937,472 | s | \$ 8,444,026 | 50.34% | \$ 482,314,520 | ∽ ∥ | 8,401,362 | |
| Rate of Return on Rate Base Common Stock Equity | | | | 1.75% | | | | 1.74% | |

Exhibit 2e

The United Illuminating Company Rate of Return on Common Stock Equity For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2015 Distribution Company

End of Period:

Income for Common Stock
Common Stock Equity

\$\frac{11,945,911}{\$868,944,112} = 1.37%

Average:

Income for Common Stock
Common Stock Equity

\$ 11,945,911 \$ 875,288,164

1.36%