

# UNITED ILLUMINATING STRATFORD 115-kV TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADES

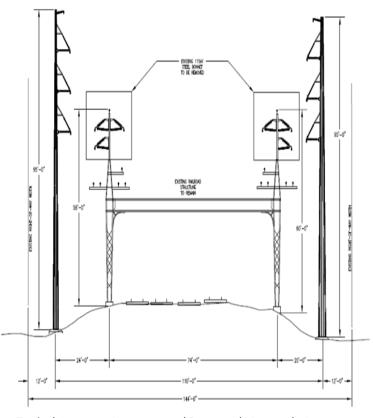
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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Stratford 115-kV Railroad Transmission Line Upgrade rebuilds UI's transmission lines along the Metro-North Railroad corridor between Baird Substation, Barnum Substation and the Devon Tie Switching Yard, for a total distance of approximately 2.4 miles. This includes installing ~63 new foundation supported galvanized steel transmission poles, upgrading conductor size to 1590 kcmil conductor and installing two sectionalizing switches at Barnum Substation. This project will help UI to enhance the structural integrity and reliability of the high voltage transmission lines along the Metro-North Railroad corridor which provide power to New Haven and Fairfield counties. The new lines and poles will help UI to continue to provide safe, reliable electrical service to our customers for years to come.



Typical Catenary Structure and Proposed Monopole Structures

# PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The ISO-New England Southwest Connecticut Transmission Planning Study shows that under certain conditions the reliability of the area transmission system will be at risk. In certain electrical scenarios, existing 115-kV transmission lines between Devon Tie and Baird Substation may be subject to damaging overloading conditions which will impact the system reliability throughout the service territory exposing the electric system and our customers to unacceptable reliability risks. Due to the physical limitations of the existing Metro-North structural support system which was originally installed in the early 1900's, coupled with the reliability risks, it was recommended that the new transmission lines be installed on new galvanized steel monopoles along this 2.4-mile transmission line corridor.

## **PROJECT FACTS**

Municipalities: Milford, Bridgeport

Counties Impacted: Fairfield, New Haven

Permits: Connecticut Siting Council: Petition

for a Declaratory Ruling approved

July 20, 2017

Connecticut Department of Energy

& Environmental Protection: General

Permit for the Discharge of

Stormwater and Dewatering

Wastewaters from Construction

Activities (Permit No. GSN003468)

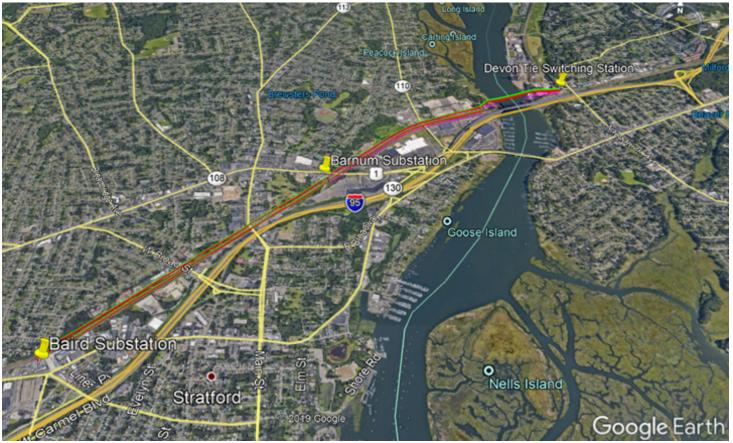
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Clean

Water Act Section 404 Authorization

(License No. NAE-2019-02393)

Metro-North Railroad: Entry Permit

(Permit No. NH-19-8 MP8.00-61.00)



Project Route Everview

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# PROJECT SCOPE

- Staking, vegetation clearing, access roads and work pads construction
- Installation of drilled foundation supported monopoles and conductor
- Installation of 2 sectionalizing switches at the Barnum Substation
- Removal of bonnet structures on MNR Catenaries
- Site Restoration

### **BENEFITS TO THE REGION**

 The upgrades will improve the reliability and resiliency of the transmission system, ensuring that the safe and reliable transmission of power is maintained through Fairfield and New Haven County in accordance with Federal reliability standards.

ESTIMATED TIMETABLE (subject to change)	
Construction Start:	December 2019
In Service Date:	Third quarter 2021

For information on this Petition, you can visit the Connecticut Siting Council Website at www.ct.gov and reference Petition No. 1304