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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 9, 2015

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director *MB*

RE: **DOCKET 192B-** CPV Towantic, LLC Motion to Reopen and Modify the June 23, 1999 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 785 MW dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility located north of the Prokop Road and Towantic Hill Road intersection in the Town of Oxford, Connecticut.

Comments have been received from State Historic Preservation Office, received March 6, 2015.
Copies are attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



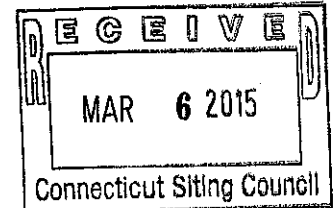
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March 4, 2015

Ms. Melanie Bachman
Connecticut Siting Council
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Subject: CPV Towantic Energy Center Project at
16 Woodruff Hill Road in
Oxford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was recently contacted by a constituent regarding the referenced project and a letter from our office to Tetra Tech. In October of 1998, SHPO reviewed an Archaeological Assessment report completed by Historical Perspectives, Inc. for the then proposed Towantic Energy Project. At that time, project plans called for the construction of a power generator and associated infrastructural facilities. A 20 acre parcel on Woodruff Hill Road was examined as part of the cultural resources assessment survey (CHPC #845). Pedestrian survey and documentary research concluded that the project parcel was not historically improved and did not possess environmental features favorable to human occupation. As a result of that investigation, no archaeological investigations were recommended and SHPO concurred.

SHPO was asked to review an updated submission for the currently proposed project during May of 2014. Our review letter dated May 15, 2014 made the statement that, "the project plans have not changed significantly..." A constituent has asked that we clarify this statement. From the perspective of this office and our regulatory role, the currently proposed project is not significantly different from the previously reviewed project in terms of its potential to impact significant cultural resources. As stated previously, based on the information provided to our office, it is SHPO's opinion that no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. For additional information, please contact Catherine Labadia, Staff Archeologist, at (860) 256-2764 or catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Dunne
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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