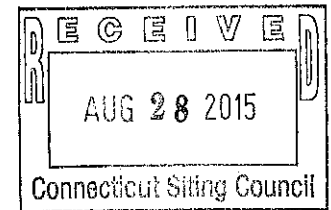


# TOWN OF SOUTHBURY

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August 25, 2015

Ms. Melanie Bachman, Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

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Dear Melanie,

The Southbury Board of Selectmen met on the evening of August 20<sup>th</sup> to review the letter of July 29<sup>th</sup> sent to the Siting Council from the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition. As you know, I had asked the Siting Council to postpone their decision on the Water Management /Supply section of the D&M plan until the Board of Selectmen had met. I appreciate the Siting Council acknowledging our request, which was made moot due to cancelation of the Council's scheduled meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

There was a thorough review of the points made in the letter. Len DeJong addressed the concerns from the Selectman. Also in attendance was Ray Adamitis, who represented the Heritage Village Water Company. Mr. Adamitis made clear the important role that HVWC plays in making sure that the restrictions on its permitted water use are adhered to and that these have been made clear to the owner of Towantic Energy Center. He also pointed out that as TEC is in their service area, it is incumbent on HVWC to provide water to legally permitted uses to the degree possible.

The concerns of the Board members were addressed and at this point there is no need to postpone the Siting Council's consideration of the Water Management / Supply section with regard to the D&M Plan from the Town of Southbury's point of view.

The overall sense of the Board was that under normal annual conditions there is little to no impact on people and businesses of Southbury nor will normal anticipated operations impact the river ecology. For a number of years, we have

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raised concerns about how to address the myriad of public policy issues that will arise under drought and severe drought conditions. Although the Town currently does not have a water use ordinance to address such conditions, it is our hope that HVWC and TEC will actively support our efforts to develop such an ordinance and to work together as stakeholders concerned about the aquifer and river.

For years, the Town of Southbury has been very supportive of the work the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition has done to use the best available science to preserve and protect the Watershed. We appreciate their concerns raised by them in the context of the D&M plan and look forward to continuing our support as well as working closely with them, Heritage Village Water Company and Towantic Energy Center to make wise decisions under the extreme situations where difficult trade-offs will be necessary.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Edelson".

Ed Edelson, First Selectman

C: Len DeJong  
Keith Sorenson  
George Temple  
Andy Bazinet