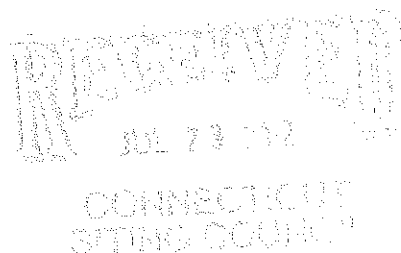


July 19, 2012

State of Connecticut
Siting Council
10 Franklin Sq
New Britain, CT 06051



RE: Wind Turbine Siting

Dear Siting Council Members:

My name is Jane Benoit and I live on Wellwyn Drive in Portland Connecticut. I attended your hearings regarding the Kleen Energy Power Plant a few years ago. I just want to say that your siting of the Kleen Energy Plant has placed a tremendous financial and emotional burden on my family and my neighbors. Not only have our homes significantly depreciated in value, the enjoyment of our lives has been severely affected as well. We hear a constant drone day and night on a good day, and when the plant goes on or off-line we hear such a loud steam release that we are wakened out of a sound sleep at any time of the night. This is no way to have to live. Not only is the plant a noise nuisance but it is also a visual stressor. The exhaust and steam can be seen from miles away in any direction and is most upsetting when it is the first thing I see when I come home every evening and also when I awake every morning. You see, we have a birds-eye view from our living room window. What used to be a lovely neighborhood has been changed into a horror show.

I tell you this because I hope that no other resident or neighborhood in the state has to go through the stress that we have been through. Your siting of power plants and wind turbines must take into account people's lives. They cannot be sited solely for the purpose of supporting big business. I ask you; will any power plants or wind turbines be sited in any of the council members' neighborhoods? How would you feel if they were? Please take your personal feelings about this question into consideration when you decide where the next siting will be.

As citizens of the State of Connecticut, we should all be considered in these decisions. Isn't that what democracy is all about? This country wasn't created by big business, nor should it be run by it either. Our voices should be heard!

Thank you for your consideration and for the concerns of the people of this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jane Benoit'.

Jane Benoit
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Portland CT 06480