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RE: Petition No. 1408 - FairWindCT, Inc., et al petition, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176, for a declaratory ruling that: (a) the January 9, 2020 Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan) Modification submitted by BNE Energy, Inc. in Petition No. 983 conflicts with the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) June 2, 2011 final decision on Petition No. 983; (b) the Council did not have jurisdiction over the D&M Plan Modification; (c) the Council did not have statutory authority to approve the D&M Plan Modification; (d) the D&M Plan Modification violated due process rights; and (e) the D&M Plan Modification violates the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act.

Attorney Bachman,

I am receipt, indirectly, of BNE's letter filing of July 31, 2020 which might be characterized as a "Notice of Intent to Negotiate". Initially, I want this letter to serve as notice that I will be representing the Petitioners, FairWindCT, Grant Swamp Group and the Golds, from this point forward in lieu of Attorney Gianquinto.

Second, attached with this letter is an objection to and a motion to strike BNE's letter from the record as an improper attempt to influence the trier of fact with matters wholly outside of and irrelevant to the proceedings in Docket 1408.

I do not find any Council practice section dedicated to notices regarding discussions between the parties. More importantly, finding out that another party desires negotiations through a record filing before the Council is irregular at best.

The Petitioners will respond directly and privately to BNE, but would prefer not to engage in virtue signaling on the record. Petitioners therefore object to the filing which should not be used to delay the proceedings which may continue unimpeded while the parties engage in polite conversation.

Sincerely,

Keith R. Ainsworth