



May 7, 2021

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**PETITION NO. 1450--ClearCell Power, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a customer-side 460-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Best Western Hotel, 490 Saw Mill Road, West Haven, Connecticut.**

Dear Attorney Bachman:

Per Connecticut Siting Council's interrogatories received on May 6, 2021, we are submitting the responses in the attached Petition No. 1450-Response A-2. This scanned version will be sent electronically and an original will be sent to the Connecticut Siting Council office.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact me directly at (413) 388-3805 or via email at AiBuildersNE@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Abrams", written in a cursive style.

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Responses to Connecticut Siting Council's (CSC) interrogatories received on May 6, 2021-(a copy of the original CSC interrogatories are attached following responses below).

**1. Did ClearCell receive comments from the abutters notified as shown in Petition Attachment 10 or comments from any other interested persons? If so, summarize the comments.**

Response: At both the West Haven Zoning Appeals Board meeting and the Planning and Zoning Commission board meeting, the abutters did not raise any questions or objections. The board members asked several general questions regarding the construction timeline, and the extent of the construction zone. We answered that we anticipate the construction phase will be three months with several weeks for testing and commissioning before interconnecting with the United Illuminating. The extent of the construction work area will be limited to the southern section of Best Western's parking lot. In addition, we will be interconnecting with the United Illuminating on the west-side of the Best Western building, and Southern Connecticut Gas will be providing a connection to their existing line, which also runs to the west-side of the Best Western building.

**2. Please identify the media to be used for pipe cleaning procedures at the proposed facility in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50ii.**

Response: As per CT Gen Stat § 16-50ii (2012), U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), OSHA, and engineering associations recommendations and statutes, the pipes to be used at the site are air pressure cleaned in the factory before delivery to the site; and once on-site, as per CT Gen Stat §16-50ii C(3), the appointed special inspector will be present to observe the air pressure cleaning procedure to assure compliance.

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**3. Would ClearCell reach out to City of West Haven emergency responders in order to provide fuel cell emergency response training?:**

Response: Yes, we plan to meet with local emergency responders and provide fuel cell emergency response training. We actually plan to schedule a preliminary meeting with the City of West Haven's emergency responders as soon as the permit drawings are ready to review the plans and address initial questions.

**4. Is ClearCell installing the DataServer as part of the Project or will that be installed by others?**

Response: ClearCell will be installing and connecting the preassembled data server.

**5. Why is it necessary to store nitrogen tanks on the site?**

Response: The inert, non-toxic nitrogen gas is used to purge the fuel cells during a shutdown for maintenance work or when a sensor detects an anomaly. Nitrogen gas cleans the fuel cell stacks to extend their efficiency and longevity. The spare ten nitrogen tanks are there to minimize downtime.



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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

May 6, 2021

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1450** - ClearCell Power, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a customer-side 460-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Best Western Hotel, 490 Saw Mill Road, West Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Abrams:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than May 20, 2021. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available. At this time, consistent with the Council's policy to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, please submit an electronic copy only to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov). However, please be advised that the Council may later request one or more hard copies for record retention purposes.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie Bachman*

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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**Petition No. 1450  
ClearCell Power, Inc.**

**Best Western Hotel  
West Haven, Connecticut**

**Interrogatories**

1. Did ClearCell receive comments from the abutters notified as shown in Petition Attachment 10 or comments from any other interested persons? If so, summarize the comments.
2. Please identify the media to be used for pipe cleaning procedures at the proposed facility in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50ii.
3. Would ClearCell reach out to City of West Haven emergency responders in order to provide fuel cell emergency response training?
4. Is ClearCell installing the DataServer as part of the Project or will that be installed by others?
5. Why is it necessary to store nitrogen tanks on the site?