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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

September 5, 2023

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1586** – Dominion Energy Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, that neither a new Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) nor a modification to its existing Certificate is required to revise the boundaries of the Millstone Power Station electric generating facility site located off Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dear Maureen Robertson:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated September 1, 2023, for the above-referenced petition.

The Request for a Public Hearing will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda, a copy of which will be sent to you. You will be notified of the Council's determination immediately thereafter.

Please contact our office at 860-827-2935 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Service List dated July 28, 2023  
Council Members

**From:** Maureen Robertson <[reni.robertson@yahoo.com](mailto:reni.robertson@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2023 8:52 AM  
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I've learned that Dominion is seeking to revise the boundaries of the MPS site following the Town of Waterford's RTM decision on February 22, 2023 to approve the host Municipality Fee Agreement with NE Edge, LLC pursuant to Connecticut Public Act No. 21-1, for construction of two Qualified Data Centers on Dominion Energy, LLC Property on Rope Ferry Road in Waterford, CT. <https://www.waterfordct.org/agendacenter/viewfile/minutes/02222023-604>. Waterford's RTM hasty vote and decision was made without widespread public involvement or request for feedback. Given the need for additional scrutiny, I ask the Siting Council to **DENY** their request.

I also request a Siting Council public hearing to learn of concerns from the community that will be impacted by any boundary changes. I'm concerned that if MPS boundary changes occur, the town of Waterford is not fully aware/informed of ALL impacts that a 1.5M sq ft data center can have on such a large community (including more than Waterford).

Waterford consists of 33 square miles surrounded by water on three sides. This shoreline town offers a variety of attractions including a beautiful state park, theaters, and great travel options. There are plenty of beaches along the coast of Waterford that gives many an opportunity to catch a boat ride, or go deep sea fishing. Others may take the relaxed approach and visit the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center. There are picturesque views at Harkness Memorial Park that could easily take your breath away. Waterford has a little something for everyone!  
<https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-waterford>

I have a home at 280 Millstone Road (within the Millstone Point Association - MPA) in Waterford which is 2,809 Feet (approximately 1/2 mile) from the proposed 1.5M sq ft data center on the Dominion / MPS Property. Within the 1 mile radius of this proposed 1.5M sq ft data center includes the following community locations;

- Long Island Sound
- Jordan Cove
- Niantic Bay and River
- Niantic Boardwalk
- Several Beaches
- 100s of families/homes
- Bayview Long-term care facility with 127 beds
- 4 Little League baseball fields
- 1 Youth Football and Cheer field
- 1 Soccer field
- 1 Babe Ruth baseball field
- 18 hole golf course
- Proposed LEARN regional educational service center that would serve 550 students through various programs ranging from 6 weeks to 7 years old
- 17 (Approximately) Osprey Nests [Osprey Nation Map & Data - Connecticut Audubon Society](#)

Note:

Waterford's Great Neck elementary school with 310 students K-5 is 1.73 Miles from proposed data center. Seaside State park is 2.0 miles from proposed data center.

As a resident living so close to this proposed data center I have extreme concerns for the community of Waterford and surrounding SE Connecticut areas. Other individuals (approximately 1,200) have also expressed their concerns as seen on this petition created after the February 22, 2023 Waterford RTM Meeting. [Sign the Petition](#)

I've read there are a large amount (approximately 300) data centers currently in Virginia. With 300 data centers, VA has much more experience with data centers than we do in Waterford CT. <https://www.governing.com/infrastructure/the-data-center-capital-of-the-world-is-in-virginia> .

I've also read that on February 3, 2023 Virginia passed a bill **Siting of data centers; impacts on resources; site assessment**. Provides that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center shall only be approved in areas where the data center (i) will have a minimal impact on historic, agricultural, and cultural resources and (ii) will not be within one mile of a national park or state park or other historically significant site. The bill also requires that prior to any such approval, a site assessment shall be performed to examine the effect of the data center on water usage and carbon emissions as well as any impacts on agricultural resources. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?231+sum+SB1078> .

Considering VA's experience with data centers, I request CT/Waterford utilize Virginia's experience and not allow for a data center anywhere on the Dominion/MPS owned property due to all of Waterford's community locations within the 1 mile of the proposed data center.

I'm also very concerned that the Town of Waterford agreed to host the proposed 1.5M sq ft data center with NE Edge who's co-founder Thomas Quinn has a long history of attempting to develop data centers in Connecticut. <https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/ne-edge-proposes-15-million-sq-ft-data-center-at-nuclear-power-station-in-connecticut/>. No CT towns have since moved forward with NE Edge except for Waterford.

Soon after Waterford's RTM decision to host the data center with NE Edge, Rob Brule (First Selectman) and Attorney William McCoy (representing NE Edge) hosted a meeting with members of our Millstone Point Association (MPA) on/near mid-March 2023. During that meeting Attorney McCoy shared (also shown on the above host agreement slides) no gas or diesel generation backup would be needed/used as the power would be coming from Millstone which he **inaccurately stated never goes off-line**. Please see the email from Dominion Energy dated May, 30, 2023 sharing that the only units at Millstone (2 & 3) were both off-line. The first Selectman has promised lots of studies, input and approvals before the Data Center can move forward. We have not been provided any information from the town regarding the results of any studies, approvals, or request for feedback since his mid-March 2023 meeting with the MPA members.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 10:07:12 AM EDT

**Subject:** A Message from Dominion Energy to Our Neighbors - Unit 3 Out of Service

As a neighbor of Millstone Power Station this email is to inform you that Unit 3 is currently out of service for a plant issue. You may notice increased maintenance activities at the station.

Unit 2 remains in a refueling outage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via phone ([860-444-4353](tel:860-444-4353)) or email ([jennifer.a.rowland@dominionenergy.com](mailto:jennifer.a.rowland@dominionenergy.com)).

Thank you,  
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Thank you very much for your attention to this very concerning matter. I hope a public hearing will allow for better communication about the proposed data center at MPS. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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