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RE: PETITION NO. 1423 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 150-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Home Depot, 90 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull, Connecticut..

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality ("the Council") offers the following comments with regard to Petition No. 1423 (Petition):

1. Noise : The petitions states: "The proposed Facility would be defined as "Scenario 2" in the model. Scenario 2 models noise for a Bloom Energy Server installed close to a building or tall wall, with noise reflected off the structure. The results of the Scenario 2 sound model at 93 feet are 41.4 dBa." The Council notes that Scenario 2 is for an installation of the proposed facility away from a building or tall wall. If the Petitioner meant to use the results of Scenario 1 (close to a building), then the result would be 44.4 dBa, which approaches the Town's noise ordinance at 45 dBa at night.

The Council recommends that the Petitioner confirm that the fuel cell facility will be sufficiently distant from the adjacent Home Depot and that the sound generated by the proposed fuel cell would not be amplified by reverberation that will potentially exceed the limit set by the Town's noise regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please do not hesitate to contact the Council if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Hearn
Executive Director