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Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
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Re: PETITION NO. 1719 – SMART Technology Systems, LLC (Petitioner) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 45-megawatt trash-to-energy electric generating facility and associated equipment on six parcels (Parcel Nos. 007-053A-0045, 007-053A-0042, 007-053A-0043, 007-053A-0041, 008-053A-0147, and 008-053A-0134) owned by O&G Industries, Inc. located east of Black Hill Road (State Route 14) and west of the Providence and Worcester Railroad right-of-way, Plainfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) received correspondence from a few individuals regarding the proposed trash-to energy facility in Plainfield. Consistent with the provisions of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-40(b), the Council believes that a hearing in this proceeding would be “helpful in determining any issue concerning the request for a declaratory ruling”. In addition, a hearing would give members of the public a greater opportunity to express any opinions regarding the proposed project and allow more time to thoroughly review the information and materials provided by the Petitioner and others in this proceeding. Consequently, the Council requests that the Connecticut Siting Council schedule a hearing for the subject Petition. If a hearing is not scheduled, the Council respectfully requests additional time for state agencies and members of the public to submit comments regarding the proposed facility through at least September 25, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council’s comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Aresta".

Paul Aresta
Executive Director