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August 18, 2010

Mr. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Dear Mr. Phelps:

I am writing in strong support of the Kleen Energy Systems application for the extension of their permit in Docket #225C. The District that I represent is completely within the City of Middletown which makes me acutely aware of the economic importance of this project not only for Middletown but for the State of Connecticut.

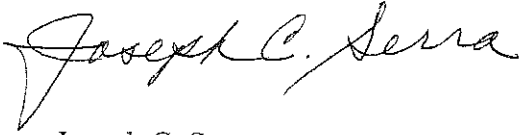
As you know the Kleen Energy project will provide 620 MW of clean, efficient energy in an environmentally responsible manner. It will displace older, more polluting generating facilities that have been serving Connecticut for more than five decades.

The Siting Council has to determine if it is a wise thing to allow Kleen Energy to have the six or seven month extension it is seeking. Others have urged the Siting Council to deny the permit extension and wait for results of the Thomas Commission. I believe that this is not necessary and would be harmful to the project and the State of Connecticut. Kleen Energy needs to finish this project in a timely fashion. The Thomas Commission will soon begin its work in earnest, but the results of the Thomas Commission will not be known for some time and the implementation of their recommendations will require additional time. Once the Thomas Commission completes its work it will turn over its findings to the State Legislature for further review and implementation. Assuming the Council grants Kleen Energy's extension, it is likely that the facility would be commercially operational by the time the Thomas Commission recommendations are implemented. There is no real benefit in delay. Should the Thomas

Commission make recommendations that need to be applied to Kleen or any other project I believe the Siting Council will take appropriate action to get that done.

For these reasons I ask that the Council grant the Kleen Energy Systems request.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph C. Serra". The signature is fluid and connected, with a large initial 'J'.

Joseph C. Serra