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July 28, 2010

The Honorable Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman Connecticut Siting Council Members, Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: DOCKET NO. 225 – Kleen Energy Systems, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for construction, maintenance and operation of an Electric Generating Facility and Switchyard on River Road, Middletown, Connecticut

Dear Chairman Caruso and Members of the Connecticut Siting Council,

This docket has been opened to consider the request of Kleen Energy to extend their time of construction from November 21, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and to consider implementation of the recommendations of the Kleen Energy Plant Investigation Review Panel Final Report (Nevas Report)

The damage caused by the February 7, 2010 explosion is indeed profound. The loss of six lives- (Ron Crabbe and Ray Dobraty were friends and constituents) all tragic. Injuries and trauma- lives will never again be the same.

Additionally real and personal property of my constituents on Wellwyn Drive, Payne Boulevard, and Lyman Road were extensively damaged. Residents can never be fully compensated for the trauma they suffered but they must be fully compensated for their property.

I urge you, in the strongest terms possible to grant the continuation only after all affected parties have been made whole.

Kleen Energy and its contractors must be sure that their insurers are working cooperatively and quickly with the residents. They must conduct inspections by experts of the Town's choosing to ensure that there is no damage beyond that for which they are being compensated. This must be accomplished before a continuation is granted.

Every recommendation of the Nevas report must be put in place prior to granting said continuance. Further I request that Docket No. 225 be reopened when the Thomas Report is received. It is incumbent on you to make sure that every possible safeguard is in place for ongoing construction and future operation of the Kleen Energy Plant. I am keenly aware of the State's need for the electricity this plant will produce. We should prefer no new electricity generation rather than see a repeat of the February 7, 2010 tragedy.

I join with the Honorable Susan Bransfield, First Selectwoman of The Town of Portland, in requesting:

- A. Perform inspections of properties within a specific radius of the facility by an expert of the Town's choosing, for current settlements and as a baseline for any future difficulties;
- B. Send written notification to owners of said properties and Town officials at least two weeks in advance of potentially hazardous activities at the Plant to alert them to the date and time of the planned potentially hazardous activity;
- C. Set up a hotline to field Portland resident and Town official complaints and concerns and respond to each within a specified time limit.

Under our current regulatory scheme The Connecticut Siting Council is the only body able to set conditions that will reassure the public and guarantee the health and safety of our residents.

Sincerely,

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State Senator, 33rd District