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January 5, 2011

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts  
Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 980** - BNE Energy, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.2 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located at 178 New Haven Road, Prospect, Connecticut.

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from Attorney General Richard Blumenthal dated January 4, 2011 concerning the above-referenced petition.

A copy of the petition was submitted to the Attorney General's Office for review. In the event that the Attorney General's Office does not avail itself of the opportunity to attain party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

Therefore, copies of this correspondence are being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record in the event the Council determines a hearing is necessary.

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The Honorable Daniel F. Caruso, Chair  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Chair Caruso:

I am writing to request a public hearing on Petition No. 980 by BNE Energy for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed wind turbine project in the town of Prospect.

This project contemplates the construction of a wind turbine tower as high as the Statue of Liberty with turbines as broad as a football field. The project would be located in a residential zone with more than 900 homes located within a 1.25 mile radius of the site. The site includes a former brownfield and some wetlands. Further, there is simply no precedent in Connecticut for a wind turbine of such magnitude.

All of these facts require a very careful, deliberative review of the petition by the Connecticut Siting Council before it makes its statutory determination of environmental impact and public need. I strongly urge the Council hold public hearings in order to gather as much information on this project and its potential impacts. At least one of these hearings should be held in the town of Prospect or other towns affected by such proposed projects so residents directly impacted have a convenient forum to address their concerns to the Council.

I would also urge the Council to delay any decision on the petition until the General Assembly has an opportunity to consider adopting standards for the siting of these facilities. The state should encourage renewable energy sources while protecting the environment, public safety and health of residents near such sources.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

  
RICHARD BLUMENTHAL