## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Petition Of BNE Energy Inc. For A Declaratory Ruling For The Location, Construction And Operation Of A 3.2 Mw Wind Renewable Generating Project On New Haven Road In Prospect, Connecticut ("Wind Prospect") Petition 980

March 14, 2011

## MOTION TO STRIKE PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF DAVID PRESSMAN

Petitioner BNE Energy Inc. ("BNE") hereby moves to strike the supplemental pre-filed testimony of David Pressman.<sup>1</sup> Save Prospect Corp. ("SPC") has submitted the pre-filed testimony and now the supplemental pre-filed testimony of Mr. Pressman which purports to attack the economic benefits of the Project and proposes the conclusion that alternative locations and technologies would better support Connecticut's Class 1 energy goals. Mr. Pressman's prefiled testimony is irrelevant to the Siting Council's determination as to whether the Petition complies with Connecticut statutory requirements. Therefore, the proposed testimony is improperly before the Siting Council and should be struck from the record.

The proposed evidence submitted by Mr. Pressman is simply an economic argument. Generally, economic arguments are outside the limited scope of the Council's jurisdiction. *See* Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50g. The Project is pending before the Council pursuant to the declaratory ruling provisions in Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50k(a). Under such provisions, the Council "shall" approve the Project "as long as such project meets air and water quality standards of the Department of Environment Protection." Economic impacts are not included in those items that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BNE previously filed a Motion to Strike the Pre-Filed Testimony of Mr. Pressman. *See* Motion to Strike dated February 23, 2011. The arguments set forth therein are specifically incorporated into this Motion to Strike.

the Council can consider when rendering a decision on a Petition. The Council has recognized the fact that economic impacts are generally outside the scope of its jurisdiction in previous proceedings and properly excluded such information from the record. *See, e.g.*, Connecticut Siting Council Docket 366 and Docket 396. Therefore, information pertaining to economic considerations is irrelevant to this proceeding.

For these reasons, BNE moves to strike the supplemental testimony of Mr. Pressman.

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Respectfully Submitted, BNE ENERGY INC.

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