

TAB 10

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**

Docket/Petition No. 980

February 14, 2010

Prefiled Testimony of Neil Andersen

1. Please state your name and address for the record.

My name is Neil Andersen. I reside at 211 Blacksmith Shop Road, Falmouth, MA. I am 58 years old.

2. What is your occupation?

I'm a recently retired home builder (Energy Star certified), remodeler and carpenter. My office was in my home. Within a short time after the wind turbines began operation, I found that I was unable to concentrate and function effectively in my business and closed my business in September 2010.

3. How long have you lived at your current residence?

We have lived in our home in Falmouth for 21 years. I spent a great deal of time building and improving our home, gardens and coy pond, from which my wife and I derived immense pleasure and satisfaction before our peaceful existence was invaded and destroyed by industrial wind turbines.

4. Do you live close to a wind turbine? If so, how close is it to your home?

Yes. I live 1,320 ft (402.34 meters) from a 1.65 MW wind turbine. The topography brings us lower than the turbine down a naturally narrowing valley, which has a focusing effect.

To make things worse, the front of the house is perpendicular to the turbine with two story eaves that project out, forming a u-shaped dish that traps the turbine effects.

5. How tall is the wind turbine?

The turbine is 396 feet tall.

6. Has the wind turbine affected your life in any other ways? If so, please explain.

Yes. Within 2 weeks of turbine operation, my wife became extremely stressed and tense. She found that she could not tolerate the effects of the noise and pressure of the turbine sound. She is coping with the effects of the wind turbine because of my promise to sell our home and move away. My wife is forced to sleep in the back bedroom with ear plugs and a white noise machine. She has lost much sleep. She has developed tinnitus and experiences vestibular migraines and has symptoms of vertigo. Her antidepressants are at a maximum with little therapeutic effect.

My symptoms manifested 1-1.5 months after the wind turbine began operating. They include dyspnea, tachycardia, tinnitus and headaches. At times, my wife and I are forced to sleep apart or in our basement.

7. Please describe the noise emanating from the wind turbine.

The noise coming from the turbine can best be described as a very loud and intrusive whooshing sound, a feeling of pressure and a pulsating component. It is similar to a pulsating jet engine hovering overhead that never stops.

8. What do you and your wife do to avoid the noise?

We rarely sleep in our bedroom. We use ear plugs and sound machines. We stay away from the house when we can. We visit with friends and take day trips to the Cape to be away from the noise.

9. Have you filed any complaints with the police or local government officials because of the noise? If so, please explain your efforts in bringing this problem to the attention of the police and/or local government officials.

Yes. My wife and I have maintained a log of our efforts. I have attached a copy of our entries as Exhibit A. As you can see from the log entries, I have complained to local government officials on many occasions and have even complained to the police. I have also conferred with my neighbors and others about the upsetting noise. Local officials ignore my efforts to communicate with them and the police say they cannot help me.

12. Based on your experience, do you have any final comments on the siting of wind turbines near residential communities?

In Falmouth, there was general acceptance of the idea of wind turbines at the time they were proposed. We were given misleading information by the consultants hired by the town that minimized the anticipated impacts.

When the turbines were first erected, we were astonished at their enormity and visual impact. Once they began operations, we were surprised at how loud the audible component of the sound was, but we were even more greatly affected by the pressure component of the sound and the pulsating, low frequency sound.

The wind turbines have destroyed my ability and my wife's ability to peaceably enjoy the home we love and to engage in the normal activities of the home that we loved, such as gardening, relaxing in our home and sleeping. In short, our lives have been devastated.

We have learned the hard way in Falmouth that wind turbines do not belong in residential areas. I would respectfully submit that the Siting Council in Connecticut must seize the opportunity to avoid the mistakes made in Falmouth. I would urge you to embrace your duty to

protect the pre-existing property rights, health and well-being of the homeowners from the devastating consequences that we have suffered.