

TAB 12

**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, 2011

Prefiled Testimony of Michael Brunetti

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

My name is Michael Brunetti. I live at 210 New Haven Road, Prospect, Connecticut.

- 2. How far is your home from the proposed industrial wind turbine site and how long have you lived there?**

My home is approximately 850 feet east of the proposed southern industrial wind turbines, on the same side of New Haven Road. My wife and I have lived at 210 New Haven Road for 26 years and we raised our son there.

- 3. Where is your home in relation to the former U.S. Cap and Jacket site at 214 New Haven Road?**

My home is adjacent to that site, to the south.

- 4. Have contaminants been found in your residential well water?**

Not to my knowledge.

- 5. When was the last time your well water was tested?**

Approximately 8 years ago.

- 6. How much property do you have and how is your house oriented on the site?**

My lot is one-half acre. The front of my house faces east, so the back yard faces the proposed location of the industrial wind turbines. The southern wind turbine tower, as proposed,

would stand 492 feet tall, at a distance that is less than two city blocks from my rear property line.

6. Why did you come to testify before the Siting Council concerning this proposed project?

The location of these industrial wind turbines is just far too close to my property and other homes in the neighborhood. I am concerned about the safety hazards posed by the industrial wind turbines from the standpoint of potential blade throw and ice throw. I am aware that the safety standard for some industrial wind turbines say that a hard hat should be worn within 1,300 feet. My house is well within this area and I am concerned that a piece of ice or a blade could reach my property and damage my home or hurt my family.

I am also concerned that since my rear yard home faces these industrial wind turbines to the west, I will be subject to disturbing shadow flicker as the sun is setting.

I am also concerned about noise. I have worked at Platt Brothers in Waterbury for the past 32 years as a factory worker, rolling zinc and copper. I make a decent living there. After working a long day in a noisy factory, I look forward to coming home to the peace and quiet. I am concerned that because I am so close to these industrial turbines, my peaceful enjoyment of my property will be destroyed.

We also enjoy entertaining outdoors during the summertime and I can't imagine how we could continue to do so with the noise, shadow flicker and safety hazards presented by these industrial turbines located so close to our home. Instead of being able to enjoy the serenity of a beautiful sunset, we will see shadow flicker and hear the noise of these industrial machines. I can't imagine that anyone would allow my property rights and my right to the peaceful enjoyment of my home to be harmed in this manner. There is no justification for putting these machines so

close to homes.

7. What are you asking the Siting Council to do?

I am asking the Siting Council to recognize that responsible siting of these industrial machines requires that they be kept away from residential neighborhoods and that 850 feet is not nearly far enough to protect the health and safety of people like me and my family. I am asking for a decision that protects my right to continue to peacefully enjoy my home and that does not elevate above my pre-existing rights the desire of an energy company to construct an industrial facility in a residential area.