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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 16, 2011

Prefiled Testimony of Thomas Casella

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

My name is Thomas Casella. I reside at 10 Fern Street, Baldwinville, MA.

2. What is your occupation?

Delivery man. I delivered medical supplies for New England Home Therapies.

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

My wife and I purchased our house in May 2005.

4. Why did you move to Baldwinville/Templeton?

We moved here from the city because Templeton was a quite rural town.

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

Yes. I live approximately 1,500 ft (457.2 meters) from the wind turbine..

6. When did the turbine begin operating?

September 2010.

7. How tall is it?

365 feet.

8. What has changed since the turbine began operating?

Since the wind turbine began operating, we have not had the quietness and serenity of the once beautiful country neighborhood.

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

When the turbine is running it sounds like a prop plane at the airport.

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

During the day time or early evening, we go to the far side of the house and crank the TV up. My wife keeps a radio playing in the background. We spend a lot of time in the family room in the basement because of the cement walls.

11. Do you experience shadow flicker? If so, please explain.

Yes. When the sun goes behind the turning blades, we experience a strobe light and shadow effect. I have experienced the shadow flicker effect of the wind turbine on several occasions. I recorded the shadow flicker in three different rooms of my home. The recording is attached to my testimony as Exhibit A.

12. What do you and your wife do to avoid the shadow flicker?

Leave home or stay in the basement.

13. What part of your house is closest to the turbine?

Our bedroom is closest to the turbine.

14. Are you and your wife experiencing any adverse health effects as a result of the wind turbine?

Yes. We are both experiencing headaches at night, more than usual, prior to the turbine going on line.

15. Did anyone speak to you about the turbine before it was erected? What did they say?

Yes. We were assured by Templeton Light and Power at a planning board meeting on April 14, 2009 that there would be no negative effects of a wind turbine in close proximity to the neighborhood.

16. Did you oppose the wind turbine before it was erected? If not, explain why.

No. We did not oppose the turbine because of the assurances that we received from Templeton Light and Power.

17. Do you plan to sell your home? If so, when will you put it on the market?

Yes. In the spring.

18. Will you sell the property even if it means you have to take a loss?

Yes.

19. How do your friends and family react when they see the turbine behind your home for the first time?

The wind turbine is behind my property to the right. People who visit me at my home see the turbine as they come up the driveway. They are shocked to see the turbine and ask me: "what the hell is that in your backyard."

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

My wife and I are both for green energy but we feel there should be more research done before wind turbines are erected next to residential communities. It now appears that a bureaucracy w/ an agenda will tell you anything to get their agenda in place.