

**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 15, 2011

Prefiled Testimony of Katie Lanouette

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

My name is Katie Lanouette. I live at 19 Lee Road , Prospect, Connecticut.

2. How far is your home from the proposed BNE industrial wind turbine site?

My home is approximately 1,700 feet from the proposed site of the south turbine tower.

My home is the fifth house in from New Haven Road on Lee Road. The front of my house faces toward New Haven Road, toward the proposed industrial wind turbine site and toward the setting sun in the west.

3. How long have you lived at that location?

I have lived at 19 Lee Road with my husband my son, age 7, for approximately three years.

4. Why did you move to Prospect?

In 2006, I worked as a Business Analyst System Developer for Northeast Utilities. I had to leave my job in 2006 because I was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor that causes daily headaches and migraines. The headaches led my doctors to do an MRI where they discovered a brain tumor. As a result of being unable to work we had to sell our house and move on short notice to a less expensive home. Our primary criteria was a good school system.

Fortunately, we found a town with good schools and wonderful caring people, a family atmosphere, wonderful activities, parks and another very important element, peace and quiet.

5. Do you have any particular concerns about the proposed industrial wind turbine project based your medical condition?

Yes. During the past couple of years I have fought hard to get better and to have some quality of life. I have gone through more than 60 medications and a variety of different therapies in an effort to find something that will improve my quality of life. I have done all of this so that I do not have to spend my life in bed and so that my son will have a mother.

I still have constant headaches that vary in intensity throughout the day and from day to day. I need 9 to 10 hours of interrupted sleep per night and a nap in the afternoon. I take 8 medications that have to be taken at specific times. I have a restricted diet and need to eat at specified times. Weather conditions, such as rain and snow also contribute to my headaches.

I am also sound and light sensitive. I can't go to movies, concerts, or anything similar, because they are too loud and cause pain. I have difficulty driving after dark because oncoming headlights really bother me.

If industrial wind turbines were to be sited 1700 feet from my house, I would have no quality of life. I would end up in bed 24 hours a day. If my sleep is disturbed by the sound of the turbines, I will get severe migraines and will be in excruciating pain. I am certain that the flickering shadows caused by the wind turbine blades passing in front of the setting sun will make my migraines worse.

I will not be able to stay in my house, yet I fear that I will not be able to sell my house. I will miss more of my son's childhood and will not be able to care for him. I will have to struggle

to find the funds for day care and my family will be deprived of other basic necessities. It will be a nightmarish existence that I would not wish on anyone.

6. What would you ask the Siting Council to do with regard to BNE's Petition?

I would ask the Siting Council respectfully, please do not let BNE do this to me and my family. The site selected by BNE is too close to our homes and is entirely inappropriate. I would ask that the Siting Council deny BNE's Petition.