

**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 Terri Yachtis

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

My name is Terri Yachtis. I reside with my husband at 11 Woodland Terrace, Prospect, Connecticut.

- 2. How long have you lived in Prospect?**

I have lived in Prospect for 22 years.

- 3. What is your occupation?**

I am a global Sr. Consultant in Supply Chain Technology, with experience in logistics operations and IT. My career of over 30 years has been in the chemical industry where increasing governmental standards and regulations have made the chemical manufacturing process safer and more recognized for the benefits it delivers to the medical, automotive, agricultural and consumer demands.

- 4. In your occupation, have you dealt with new design and implementation processes?**

If so, what has been your experience?

Yes. My experience has been that any new design and implementation process is based on weighing risks versus benefits and when in doubt, my experience has been to witness: small scale, conservative phases of implementations, in parallel with rigorous testing, evaluation, and planning, prior to moving to a full scale, optimized operation.

5. Should your experience in the chemical industry be applied to the wind project proposed by BNE Energy? If so, why?

Yes. The same progressive, regulated and conservative thought process needs to be applied here to insure public safety and protect homeownership.

6. Are you concerned that the proposed wind project will negatively impact the value of your property? If so, why?

Yes. When most people set out to buy a home, foremost is selecting a town that holds the possibility to fulfill their aspirations, their quality of life, and a return on their investment.

Therefore, regardless of the actual distance of a home from wind turbines, prospective buyers will be attracted to towns that have remained "the safe, and quiet community," that Prospect is today; and, where there's still hope that such monstrosities will not invade their quality of life, and belittle their home investments.

My home is my pride and joy, my haven, and my investment in the American dream. Like most folks in cozy Prospect, it is the biggest investment I will ever have. Further, there will be a day when I may have to, or want to, sell it. The documented, negative contributions of wind turbines, (the sound, sun flicker, health issues, etc..) are not reported "to increase home values"; on the contrary, losses have been reported.

Further, even if it were to be shown that there was no direct impact on my home and its value, I empathize with my neighbors who will live more vividly the unfortunate consequences of wind energy intruding on their personal lives and property values. This is a moral issue. It is not acceptable to let a certain number of residents who have existing property rights suffer so that an energy company may be permitted to proceed with an industrial project at an inappropriate site.

If green energy is touted to benefit Americans and our country, then how fair is it to sacrifice or collateralize our fellow Americans, or more specifically, our Prospect citizens, who worked hard to fulfill their American dream, only to experience how government will marginalize their homesteads, their towns, and their net worth?

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