

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

Petition of BNE Energy Inc. for a
Declaratory Ruling for the Location,
Construction and Operation of a 4.8 MW
Wind Renewable Generating Project on
Flagg Hill Road in Colebrook,
Connecticut (“Wind Colebrook South”)

Petition No. 983

May 5, 2011

**PETITIONER’S OBJECTION TO
PARTICIPATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN TAIT**

The petitioner, BNE Energy Inc. (“BNE”), submits this objection to the participation of Vice-Chairman Tait in this proceeding.

1. This petition was filed on December 6, 2010.
2. The Council circulated a memorandum dated March 21, 2011 advising the parties and intervenors to this proceeding that Vice-Chairman Tait is the chairman of the Norfolk Inland Wetlands Commission. However, to date, that memorandum has not been posted on the Council’s website for this proceeding and, to the best of BNE’s knowledge and belief, has not been circulated to the service list for this proceeding.
3. As the Council is aware, the property that is the subject of this proceeding is bounded by the town line dividing the Town of Colebrook and the Town of Norfolk. The Council has indicated that it will deposit copies of the transcripts with the Town of Norfolk.
4. As the Council is also aware, citizens of the Town of Norfolk spoke during the public comment session, which was combined for this petition and petition 984. At least one member of the public, who opposed the project, indicated that she knew Vice-Chairman Tait. *See* March 23, 2011 Transcript at 57-58.
5. Given Vice-Chairman’s affiliation with the Norfolk Inland Wetlands Commission and given his affiliation with at least one opponent of the project that is the

subject of this proceeding, BNE objects to Vice-Chairman Tait's participation in this proceeding. BNE believes that the only appropriate action would be for Vice-Chairman Tait to recuse himself from the deliberations and vote in this proceeding to avoid even the appearance of impropriety as several others members of the Council have done in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, BNE objects to Vice-Chairman Tait's participation in this proceeding and respectfully requests that he recuse himself from this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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