

August 16, 2018

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Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: PETITION NO. 983 - BNE Energy Inc. Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Flagg Hill Road, Colebrook Connecticut. Motion for Extension to Complete Construction of Wind Colebrook South.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On behalf of my client, BNE Energy Inc., I am hereby respectfully responding to the Council's recent inquiry regarding BNE Energy's recent request for an extension. At the August 2, 2018 meeting of the Council, questions were raised by the Council as to why a three year request for extension was requested. This letter will serve to address those questions.

As members of the Council alluded to in the August 2nd meeting, the third turbine for the BNE project is the subject of a power purchase agreement ("PPA") between BNE Energy, The Connecticut Light & Power Company (dba Eversource) and The United Illuminating Company. In section 3.1(a) of that PPA, BNE Energy has until December 31, 2020 to begin commercial operation of the project. Under section 3.1(c) of the PPA, however, BNE Energy may, if it so chooses, extend its commercial operation date for four periods of six months each, or until December 31, 2022.

Thus, the PPA contemplates a completion date that may be as far away as three and a half years from now. The reason for this, as recognized by the PPA, is that the time for financing of a project of this type is typically a gating factor in determining when a project can be completed. Right now, BNE Energy is looking to complete its permitting requirements (including the submittal of a revised D&M Plan to the Council which addresses the third turbine), then it is looking to complete its financing.

Once it has these pieces in place, BNE anticipates completion of construction in the timeline contemplated by the members of the Council. While BNE has every interest in

completing the project as expeditiously as possible, BNE wants to make sure that all of its permits will be in full effect for as long as possible in order to demonstrate to its prospective lenders that there is no material permitting risk associated with the project. Moreover, BNE Energy does not want to be halfway through the completion of construction and then need to make an additional request of the Council for more time.

BNE Energy is well aware of projects that have sought to “evergreen” their Siting Council permissions by requesting a series of multi-year extensions until such time as the project would be viable. BNE Energy knows it has a contract, and that contract has a very specific deadline. BNE Energy therefore requests that the Council grant it a three year extension and allow BNE Energy to complete the construction of its project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Lee D. Hoffman

Enclosure

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Certification

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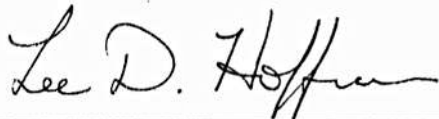
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