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Mr. Paul J. Corey, Chairman
BNE Energy, Inc.
17 Flagg Hill Road
Colebrook, CT 06021

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. **Bird and Bat Fatality Monitoring/Mitigation Measures.**

Dear Mr. Corey:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received the October 7, 2019 correspondence from BNE Energy, Inc. (BNE) regarding compliance with Condition No. 4 of the Council's June 2, 2011 Declaratory Ruling for the above-referenced electric generating facility. Pursuant to Condition No. 4, the correspondence respectfully requests a determination from the Council as to whether or not any mitigation measures should be employed at the site to reduce bird and/or bat mortality.

The Council acknowledges that BNE retained Davison Environmental, LLC (DELLC) to conduct the bird and bat studies and post-construction monitoring. The Council also acknowledges BNE submitted Bird and Bat Fatality Monitoring Reports for a period of three years (2016, 2017 and 2018) with the first report submitted one year after commencement of facility operation in compliance with Condition No. 4 of the Council's June 2, 2011 Declaratory Ruling.

In the three years of submitted studies, DELLC employed a survey protocol and reported 10 bat and 8 bird mortalities occurred at the site in 2016; 2 bat and 7 bird mortalities occurred at the site in 2017; and 0 bat and 3 bird mortalities occurred at the site in 2018. Therefore, consistent with Condition No. 4, after evaluating the Bird and Bat Fatality Monitoring Reports for the three-year period, the Council has determined that mitigation measures to reduce bird and/or bat mortality at the site are not necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: Council Members
Lee D. Hoffman, Esq.