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December 29, 2010

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Linda Roberts *LR/MAB*  
Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 983** - BNE Energy, Inc. petition for a 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.

**PETITION NO. 984** - BNE Energy, Inc. petition for a 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 Winsted-Norfolk Road (Route 44), Colebrook, Connecticut.

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from the Colebrook Conservation Commission dated December 20, 2010 concerning the above-referenced petition.

A copy of the petition was submitted to the Board of Selectmen for review. In the event that the Colebrook Conservation Commission does not avail itself of the opportunity to attain party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

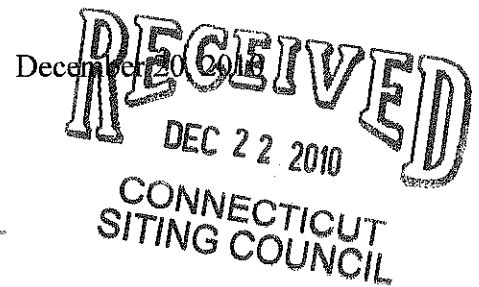
Therefore, copies of this correspondence are being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record, if a hearing is held

LR/MP/CDM



Mr. Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman  
Members of the Connecticut Siting Council  
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Re: Petition 983 – BNE Wind Energy; Wind Project, Colebrook  
Petition 984 – BNE Wind Energy; Wind Project, Colebrook North (Route 44)

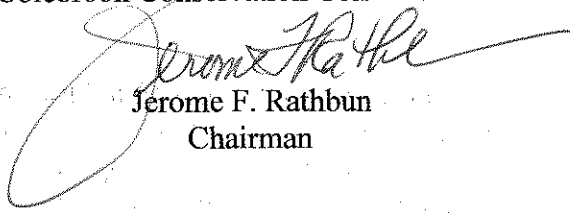
Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Colebrook Conservation Commission and as its Chairman and a former First Selectman of Colebrook, I respectfully request consideration be given to our concerns as they relate to the above referenced petitions. Please understand we are, both as a Commission and as residents of Colebrook approaching these petitions with an open mind as they relate to conservation and power generation technology. However, with respect to this technology, for us this is a relatively new concept in Northwest Connecticut and brings with it many questions and concerns within our community, both historically and environmentally that have not been addressed or answered satisfactorily. We request that a public hearing be held in Colebrook for each petition where all sides may present their data. To date very limited general public information has been forthcoming.

As mentioned previously, the development of wind turbines and wind farms is new to our community. To our knowledge, there are no regulations, guidelines or criteria of any sort established by the Siting Council, the State of Connecticut or in fact, by the Town of Colebrook for these wind energy projects. However, under current Town of Colebrook Planning and Zoning regulations commercial ventures are not allowed in residential zones. These wind turbines/farms are certainly a commercial venture. We, as both members of the Colebrook Conservation Commission and residents of Colebrook urge the Connecticut Siting Council establish a moratorium until the State Legislature and the Town of Colebrook develop appropriate standards for wind energy projects. One final note – on the Council’s web site under responsibilities, item 1 reads: “balancing the need for adequate and reliable public utility services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers with the need to protect the environment and ecology of the state and to **minimize damage to scenic, historic, and recreational values.**”

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Colebrook Conservation Commission

  
Jerome F. Rathbun  
Chairman

Cc: Ms. Linda Roberts, Executive Director  
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