***Monday, November 21, 2011***

Connecticut Siting Council

10 Franklin Square

New Britain, CT 06051

**Re: Petition No. 984**

**BNE Energy**

**Wind Project**

**Winsted-Norfolk Road, Colebrook**

Dear Chairman Stein and members of the Connecticut Siting Council,

We are writing in regards to the D&M Interrogatories, set one, and the D&M plan for Petition No. 984.

As a neighboring property owner, we are concerned with the proximity of turbine 3 to our property line. According to the “Turbine 3 Blade Sweep Radius” diagram submitted by BNE on November 14, 2011, the blade sweep is just 9.5 feet from our property line. Because BNE’s plan is not certified by a licensed surveyor and they have not had the property line surveyed these estimates could be inaccurate; the possibility of the blades being closer to or overhanging our property line is a clear and unacceptable reality. We recommend you require BNE to pay for a licensed Connecticut surveyor to survey and clearly mark the property boundary between our properties. We ask that you require BNE to keep that boundary marked through the construction period and far at least one month after the project is put into operation. Furthermore, we insist that you require BNE to have their plans certified by the same licensed surveyor before they are allowed to start construction.

In addition, we are concerned with the validity of the post-construction noise monitoring plan proposed by BNE, currently they are not proposing noise monitoring on property lines, but instead hundreds of feet away. Without monitoring at property lines BNE is not going to be able to provide accurate measures of the noise levels that will exist at neighboring properties, creating misleading information. We request that BNE be required to install noise monitoring equipment on their property at the property boundary near turbine 3 where the blades will be just 9.5 feet from our property line. Being that this turbine site is so close to our property line, we also request that BNE continuously monitor the noise at this site for at least a year, and that these noise repots be submitted to us monthly in an easily understandable format.

BNE also has proposed to rebuild 1,500 feet of Rock Hall Road, and we urge you to critically consider the implications of this construction on the access of residents to their property and Route 44. This remodeling will disrupt the natural flow of Rock Hall Road resident’s lives, requiring them to change their daily travel routes, and quite possibly limiting their access to their properties.

We hope that you will seriously consider our recommendations of:

1. Requiring a licensed surveyor to survey the property line near turbine 3
2. Requiring the certification by a licensed surveyor on BNE’s plans
3. Requiring post-construction noise monitoring at BNE’s property lines, especially near turbine 3
4. Requiring BNE to make noise monitoring results available to the public in a easily understandable format
5. Considering the negative implications of the rebuilding of Rock Hall Road on residents

Thank you for your time on this important matter,

Jeffrey & Mary Stauffer

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