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Connecticut Siting Council
Attn: Hon. David Caruso, Chair
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 984, BNE Energy, Wind Project, Winsted-Norfolk Road, Colebrook

Dear Judge Caruso,

This is a petition for party status in the Petition of BNE Energy Inc., for a Declaratory Ruling for the Location, Constructing and Operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating Project on Winsted-Norfolk Road in Colebrook, Connecticut ("Wind Colebrook North"), dated December 13, 2010.

Contact information for proposed party

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I. Manner in which proposed party claims to be substantially and specifically affected

I am a resident of Colebrook. I am an abutting property owner to the proposed Wind Colebrook North facility. My property is located to the southeast of the proposed facility, and is identified in the Abutters Map at page 2 of Exhibit F to Petition No. 984. The proposed facility will negatively impact both my enjoyment of my property and the value of my property. The proposed facility also poses a threat to my family's health and safety.

The proposed facility will negatively impact the surrounding area because it will require clear cutting of forested land, construction across and adjacent to wetlands and the construction of turbines that are known to kill birds and bats.

II. Contention of the petitioner

I purchased my home in 1993 and have made many improvements to it since that time. As an abutting property owner to the proposed Wind Colebrook North facility, the value of my property will decrease dramatically due to the noise, closeness, and presence of a commercial enterprise in my neighborhood. The negative impacts on my family's health from the proposed wind farm will become apparent over time and have life-long implications. Additionally, the health risks associated with a wind

farm, along with the noise and aesthetics, will make it near impossible to sell my home at a fair price in the future, if the need arises.

Most importantly, it is my right as an American citizen to live unencumbered in my home, without corporations trying to take away this inalienable right bestowed by our forefathers. The motivation to make monetary gains under the guise of green energy, while trying to capitalize on the fact that there are not currently state and local regulations in place, is irresponsible and unethical. Furthermore, to try to do so in a manner that tries to silence the voices of the people directly affected is unconscionable.

III. Relief sought by the petitioner

I ask the Siting Council to deny Petition No. 984 in its entirety. I further ask the Council to impose a moratorium on all industrial wind generation projects until appropriate laws and regulations may be put in place by the State, the Council and local regulatory bodies.

IV. Statutory or other authority therefore

I am entitled to party status in this proceeding pursuant to Sections 4-177a, 16-50l and 16-50n of the Connecticut General Statutes and Sections 16-50j-13 through 17 of the Regulations of the Connecticut Siting Council.

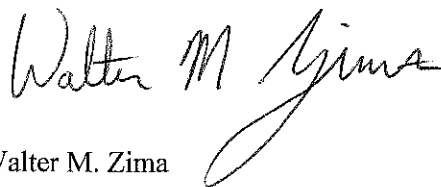
V. Nature of the evidence that the petitioner intends to present

I will present testimony regarding the negative impact the proposed facility will have on my property rights and property value, my local environment, and the public health and safety of those residing in the neighboring area. I may also present additional evidence in the form of studies, surveys, lay person testimony and expert opinion on the safety of similar wind generation projects.

VI. Other comments for the Siting Council's consideration

I ask that the Council hold public hearings on BNE's petitions for declaratory rulings in Colebrook or one of the surrounding towns, so that local residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed facilities. Many residents and other concerned citizens do not have the time or means to participate in this proceeding as parties and travel to New Britain. They also deserve to be heard on this important issue.

Very truly yours,



Walter M. Zima