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Hon. Robert Stein, Chairman
State of Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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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.

Dear Chairman Stein:

I am writing to notify you that, effective immediately, I am hereby recusing myself from any further participation in the above-mentioned petitions. I am and have been a member of the Colebrook Land Conservancy. The Colebrook Land Conservancy is not a party or intervenor in the above petitions. However, the Colebrook Land Conservancy has taken a position in opposition to the two proposed wind renewable generating projects by making an unsworn statement during the public comment session held in Colebrook and by writing letters to the Siting Council and the Department of Environmental Protection. Furthermore, Joyce Hemingson, as president of the party, FairwindCT, Inc., appeared as a witness for that party and during these proceedings provided sworn testimony. Ms. Hemingson is currently Secretary of the Colebrook Land Conservancy.

I believe that I have conducted myself impartially in my participation thus far, but, to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, I am recusing myself effective immediately.

Very truly yours,

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman

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