The Connecticut General Assembly

Legislative Regulation Review Committee

Senator Andres Ayala Co-Chair



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April 22, 2014

Robert Stein, Chairperson Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Chairperson Stein:

Proposed Regulation 2012-054E

Connecticut Siting Council "CSC WIND REGULATIONS" The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended Sections 16-50j-2a, 16-50j-18, and 16-50j-92 to 16-50j-96, inclusive. (CLJ 5/1/2012) (A.G. Approval 3/26/2014) -Bearing a deadline date of 5/6/2014

The above captioned regulation was LRRC – Approved in Whole with Substitute Pages by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee on 4/22/2014. The corrections are outlined in the attached report from the Legislative Commissioenrs' Office.

After the necessary changes have been made, the enclosed "original" regulation and, pursuant to Section 6 of Public Act 12-92, an electronic copy of the regulation accompanied by a certification statement from the agency commissioner, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the State within fourteen days of its approval by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee. If for any reason the agency fails to file the regulation in the prescribed time it must notify the Legislative Regulation Review Committee within five days of the missed filing deadline. Please contact the Secretary's office directly at 860-509-6147 for additional information regarding filing procedures.

Sincerely

Kirstin L. Breiner, Administrator

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Memorandum

To:

Legislative Regulation Review Committee

From:

Legislative Commissioners' Office

Committee Meeting Date:

April 22, 2014

Regulation No:

2012-54E

Agency:

Connecticut Siting Council

Subject Matter:

Wind Turbine Regulations

Statutory Authority:

16-50kk

(copy attached)

	Yes or No
Mandatory	Y
Federal Requirement	N
Permissive	N

For the Committee's Information:

This is a resubmittal of regulations that were rejected without prejudice at the committee's meeting on September 24, 2013. Subsequent to the committee's meeting on September 24, 2013, this regulation was resubmitted for consideration at the committee's November 26, 2013 meeting. During that November 26, 2013 meeting, the agency withdrew the regulation and, as a result, no action was taken by the committee on the regulation at that time. This resubmittal addresses the substantive concerns and technical corrections noted in the September 24, 2013 report. Additionally, the Connecticut Siting Council added language to the regulation subsequent to the committee's November 26, 2013 meeting, On April 15, 2014, the Connecticut Siting Council submitted substitute pages 1, 10 and 11. This report is based, in part, on those substitute pages.

Substantive Concerns:

Technical Corrections:

Recommendation:

X Approval in whole
with technical corrections
with deletions
X with substitute pages
Disapproval in whole or in part
Rejection without prejudice

Reviewed by: Bradford M. Towson / Richard Hanratty

Date: April 15, 2014

Sec. 16-50kk. Regulations re wind-powered generation. (a) On or before July 1, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council, in consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the siting of wind turbines. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a consideration of (A) setbacks, including considerations of tower height and distance from neighboring properties; (B) flicker; (C) a requirement for the developer to decommission the facility at the end of its useful life; (D) ice throw; (E) blade shear; (F) noise; and (G) impact on natural resources; and (2) a requirement for a public hearing for wind turbine projects.

(b) The Connecticut Siting Council shall not act on any application or petition for siting of a wind turbine until after the adoption of regulations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.