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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

**RE: PETITION NO. 983 – 2018 BIRD AND BAT FATALITY MONITORING RESULTS**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

BNE Energy Inc. hereby respectfully submits the 2018 Bird and Bat Fatality Monitoring Results for the Wind Colebrook South (“WCS”) wind project consisting of two GE Energy (“GE”) 2.85-megawatt (“MW”) wind turbines with 98.3 meter hub heights and 103 meter diameter blades located at 29 Flagg Hill Road and 17 Flagg Hill Road in Colebrook, Connecticut.

The 2018 monitoring results indicate that there were a total of three observed bird mortalities which were all Red-eyed Vireo birds one of the most common summer birds of Eastern forests. No bat mortalities were observed in 2018. This is a 67% reduction from the total observed mortalities of nine in 2017 consisting of two bats and seven birds and an 83% reduction from the total observed mortalities of eighteen in 2016 consisting of ten bats and eight birds. The mortality results are also significantly below the predicted average expected fatality rate of 113 bats and 40 birds per year based on the pre-construction bird and bat studies that were done for the site.

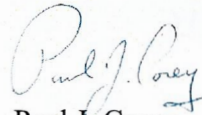
In accordance with Order 4, of the Connecticut Siting Council’s (the “Council”) Decision and Order dated June 2, 2011 in the above captioned docket, WCS was required to conduct ongoing post-construction bird and bat mortality studies and submit the results to the Council for a period of three years. At the end of the three-year study period, the Council, in coordination with the DEEP, will evaluate and determine if any mitigation measures should be employed to reduce bat and/or bird mortality.

Given that the bat and bird mortality results over the three-year study period have been extremely low as compared to the pre-construction predicted average fatality rates and have also been declining each year resulting in only three observed bird mortalities and no bat mortalities in 2018, WCS respectfully requests that the Council, in coordination with the

DEEP, determine that no mitigation measures need to be employed to reduce the already very low bat and/or bird mortalities at the site.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure