

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 15, 2020

Joseph P. Gresko Green Initiatives Coordinator City of Bridgeport 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06604 Joseph.Gresko@Bridgeportct.gov

RE:

**PETITION NO. 1406 -** Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 9.66-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 600 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to the United Illuminating Company's existing Congress Street Substation.

Dear Mr. Gresko:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the City of Bridgeport's correspondence dated October 13, 2020, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at <a href="mailto:portal.ct.gov/csc">portal.ct.gov/csc</a> under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n. Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the petitioner and parties and intervenors to the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

MAB/RDM/lm

c: Service List dated October 10, 2020 Council Members

## CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

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October 13, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Re: Petition No. 1406 - Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 9.66-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at 600 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to the United Illuminating Company's existing Congress Street Substation

The City of Bridgeport has been working closely with Doosan and NuPower in their plans for a fuel cell project to be located at 600 Iranistan Avenue on a vacant property bounded by Railroad Avenue and I-95. The City has met with representatives from the project on several occasions and the City has appreciated the project's collaborative outreach efforts. The plans for this project are consistent with the overall intent of Plan Bridgeport – Bridgeport's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The City is very comfortable in taking the position that this project is in the best interests of the City and will provide significant fiscal and conversation benefits. If the project is approved by the Council it will deliver additional tax revenue to the City, create employment opportunities and encourage the development of and significantly contribute to Connecticut's clean energy future.

Our City has gained a well-deserved reputation for innovation, resilience and sustainability through the support and adoption of projects like these. As Connecticut's most populous city located along Long Island Sound, we are keenly aware of the dangers associated with global warming and especially with rising sea levels. This is truly a unique opportunity to bring all the environmental and financial benefits together under one project.

The City supports the Connecticut Siting Council approval of this Project and we are looking forward in anticipation to the start of its construction.

Joseph P. Gresko

**Green Initiatives Coordinator** 

City of Bridgeport