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RE: **PETITION NO. 1553** - Allen Place FC, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 250-kilowatt fuel combined heat and power cell facility and associated equipment near North Campus Hall in the northern portion of the Trinity College campus located at 159 Allen Place, Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Attorney McDermott:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated June 16, 2023 regarding a project change for the above-referenced Declaratory Ruling issued by the Council on March 17, 2023.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's March 17, 2023 Declaratory Ruling, the request to install a purge gas skid adjacent to the approved fuel cell facility where cylinders could be stored vertically instead of within the fuel cell skid where cylinders would have been stored horizontally, is hereby approved. The change to a purge gas skid is necessary due to Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards that do not allow horizontal storage of gas cylinders.

This approval applies only to the project change in the correspondence dated June 16, 2023.

Please be advised that deviations from the standards established by the Council in the Declaratory Ruling are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

c: Service List dated December 7, 2022  
The Honorable Luke Bronin, Mayor, City of Hartford ([luke.bronin@hartford.gov](mailto:luke.bronin@hartford.gov))  
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Dear Ms. Bachman:

Allen Place FC, LLC ("APFC") hereby submits to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") the following design change for review by the Council staff:

As depicted on the enclosed survey, APFC plans to install an approximate 11' x 16' Purge Gas Skid (the "Gas Skid") adjacent to the fuel cell facility. Previously, the purge gas system was within the Solid Oxide Fuel Cell ("SOFC") Skid with horizontal storage of gas cylinders. However, because OSHA standards do not allow horizontal storage of gas cylinders, APFC has decided to relocate the purge gas from inside the SOFC to the Gas Skid where it will be stored vertically. A 1.5" diameter pipe buried approximately 3' below ground and approximately 15' in length will be used to connect the Gas Skid to the fuel cell facility. The gas composition will be the same (96% nitrogen and 4% oxygen).

The purge gas is required to prevent oxidation of the solid oxide stack. In the unlikely event of an emergency shut down or loss of power from the grid, the purge gas is used to cool the stacks down to a safe temperature.

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Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce L. McDermott".

Bruce L. McDermott

Enclosure

