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Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.  
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Re: Petition No. 1634 – IPB Fuel Cell 1, LLC and IPB Fuel Cell 2, LLC Petition for a Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 1-megawatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Innovation Partnership Building on the University of Connecticut campus, 159 Discovery Drive, Storrs (Mansfield), Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Enclosed for filing with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") is a letter from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") concerning the proposed fuel cell project on Discovery Drive in Mansfield. The SHPO's letter states that it is "the SHPO's opinion that no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking".

An original and fifteen (15) copies of this filing will be mailed to the Council via first-class mail today.

Should the Council 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

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July 11, 2024

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Subject: UCONN Fuel Cell Project  
159 Discovery Drive  
Mansfield, Connecticut

Dear Mr. McDermott:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the referenced project regarding potential effects to historic properties. SHPO understands that the proposed project consists of the construction of four 250-KW fuel cell units in two phases with associated infrastructure components at the referenced address. The project will require approval from the Connecticut Siting Council and is therefore subject to review by this office.

There are no previously recorded archaeological sites or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places located in the project area. Readily available historic aerial imagery indicates that the entire project area has experienced extensive prior disturbances. As a result, it is unlikely that significant intact archaeological resources will be impacted by the proposed actions. Based on the information provided to our office, it is SHPO's opinion that no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. Do not hesitate to contact Cory Atkinson, Staff Archaeologist and Environmental Reviewer, for additional information at (860) 500-2458 or [cory.atkinson@ct.gov](mailto:cory.atkinson@ct.gov).

Sincerely,



Jonathan Kinney  
State Historic Preservation Officer