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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

March 14, 2007

Jimmie Woods, Jr.
Safety & Environmental Unit, RE2T
Insurance and Risk Financing
Aetna
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

RE: **PETITION NO. 378** - Aetna Life Insurance Company petition that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of emergency generating devices at their offices at 1000 Middle Street in Middletown and 570 Pigeon Hill Road in Windsor, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Woods:

At a public meeting held on March 13, 2007, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that this modification would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50k would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition, dated February 28, 2007.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

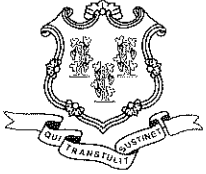
Very truly yours,


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Enclosure: Staff Report dated March 13, 2007

c: The Honorable Donald Trinks, Mayor, Town of Windsor
Mario Zavarella, Town Planner, Town of Windsor



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Petition No. 378 - Modification
Aetna Life Insurance Company
Staff Report
March 13, 2007

Aetna Life Insurance Company (Aetna) has submitted a modification to its initial Petition dated July 7, 1997 and December 4, 2000 requesting a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) is required for the addition of a single 1.5 megawatt (MW) emergency generator at their Windsor office. The emergency generator would provide back-up power to its Data Center during power outages.

At a public meeting on July 16, 1997, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that the proposed addition of six 1.0 MW emergency generating devices at the Aetna Middletown (2 units) and Windsor (4 units) offices will not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50k (a) does not require a Certificate.

Subsequently, on December 4, 2000 Aetna modified its July 7, 1997 petition from six 1.0 MW emergency generating devices to three 1.5-megawatt emergency generating devices. At a public meeting on December 19, 2000 the Council considered and ruled that the proposed modification would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, would be consistent with the Council's ruling of July 16, 1997, and would not require a Certificate.

Aetna did propose a vacant fourth foundation pad within the Windsor building addition in 1997 and further identified this fourth vacant position in its modification filed in 2000. Aetna would apply to the Department of Environmental Protection for air emission permits. The nearest property is 670 feet which is Pigeon Hill Road at the front of the property.

Aetna contends that each of the proposed emergency generating devices has a capacity of less than five megawatts; the generators would be installed for the purpose of producing emergency back-up electrical power; operation will be limited to less than 500 hundred hours per year for each unit; Aetna is not an entity which is an electric or gas company. Aetna further contends the initial six one MW units modified to four 1.5 MW units totaling 6 MW would be consistent with the Council's previous rulings and that emergency generating devices as defined in CGS Sec. 16-50i (f) are exempt from Council jurisdiction.