



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 2, 2015

Richard Minnick  
Land Use Steward  
Beacon Falls, CT  
[1rjminnick@gmail.com](mailto:1rjminnick@gmail.com)

RE: **PETITION NO. 1184** - Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 63.3 Megawatt AC fuel cell facility located on Lopus Road, Beacon Falls, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Minnick:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated November 1, 2015, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

At a public meeting held on October 1, 2015, the Council considered and ruled to hold a public hearing on this matter. This schedule includes a public hearing in the Town of Beacon Falls on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at the Beacon Falls Fire House for the benefit of the public.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-40, a copy of the petition is to be submitted to the Zoning Commission, Planning Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission and Inlands and Wetlands Agency of the municipality where the facility is to be located for review. Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

In the event that you do not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at [www.ct.gov/csc](http://www.ct.gov/csc) under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director

MAB/RDM/lm



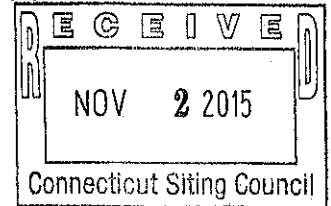
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**Mathews, Lisa A**

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**From:** Bachman, Melanie  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 6:17 AM  
**To:** Mathews, Lisa A; Fontaine, Lisa; Walsh, Christina; Mercier, Robert  
**Subject:** FW: Fuel Cell Site In Beacon Falls



Comments from land use committee.

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**From:** Richard Minnick <[1rjminnick@gmail.com](mailto:1rjminnick@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2015 2:47:15 PM  
**To:** Bachman, Melanie  
**Cc:** Michael Opuszynski; Ruth/Bill Burrirt; Chris Bielik; Michael Krenesky; Pete Betkoski  
**Subject:** Fuel Cell Site In Beacon Falls

Melanie,

It is my understanding that you or members of your staff will be conducting a walkthrough of the fuel cell site in Beacon Falls.

I believe that most of the concerns addressed by and to the Land Use Committee, can be addressed with the inclusion of appropriate conditions of approval, construction sequence and project management.

While you are in town will you please review the various routes to place the distribution lines from the proposed site to the Eversource substation on Cold Springs Rd. I understand that this not part of this application, but it should be considered prior to the construction of the plant. Any construction over route 8 would adversely impact the scenic beauty of the drive up the valley. There are several alternative that should be investigated.

Thank you and your staff for your considerations and assistance.

**Richard Minnick,  
Land Use Steward  
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