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December 4, 2015

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman *MAB*  
Acting Executive Director

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.

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher S. Murphy, and Congress Members Rosa L. Delauro, John B. Larson, and Elizabeth H. Esty, dated December 1, 2015 concerning the above-referenced petition.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-40, a copy of the petition is to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review. In the event that Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher S. Murphy, and Congress Members Rosa L. Delauro, John B. Larson, and Elizabeth H. Esty do not avail themselves of the opportunity to attain party status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

Therefore, a copy of the correspondence from Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher S. Murphy, and Congress Members Rosa L. Delauro, John B. Larson, and Elizabeth H. Esty is being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Senate  
Christopher S. Murphy, U.S. Senate  
Rosa L. Delauro, Member of U.S. Congress  
John B. Larson, Member of U.S. Congress  
Elizabeth H. Esty, Member of U.S. Congress

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 Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher S. Murphy, and Congress Members Rosa L. Delauro, John B. Larson, and Elizabeth H. Esty:

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

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-40, a copy of each petition is to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district 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.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director

MAB/RDM/lm

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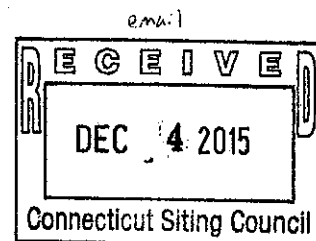


# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

December 1, 2015

Melanie Bachman  
Acting Executive Director  
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Re: Petition No. 1184 – Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC

Dear Ms. Bachman,

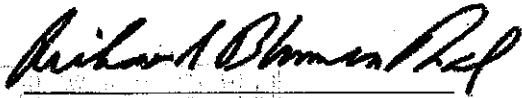
We write in support of the Beacon Falls Energy Park development project under consideration in the town of Beacon Falls. This project, when completed, will bring extraordinary benefits to the community and region through its clean energy generation, economic development of a former industrial site, and manufacture and use of Connecticut-based fuel cell technology.

Once completed, the Beacon Falls Energy Park will be the largest fuel cell project in the nation – generating substantial energy for residential use while making significant contributions towards Connecticut renewable energy goals. FuelCell Inc., a Connecticut-based company, has a proven record of developing and installing clean energy fuel cell projects in communities across the state, helping to bring new energy options to markets and demonstrating the significant capacity for this technology's benefits.


Connecticut continues to be a national leader in developing renewable and clean energy alternatives, and the Beacon Falls Energy Park promises to be the latest in a series of successful fuel cell projects. Its reuse of an industrial site is consistent with the goal of rehabilitating such sites and restoring them to economic viability. We understand some minor issues have been raised regarding the site including water main capacity, noise, and light, and that those issues are being worked on by all parties. Resolution of those concerns can be addressed by the Siting Council through conditions on any approval of the application.

The Beacon Falls Energy Park project is an extraordinary opportunity to expand the use of clean energy on a large scale, giving Connecticut residents a strong example of alternative energy sources to meet current and future energy demands through a community compatible use of a formerly polluted property. Therefore, we fully support this project and ask for the Council's full and fair consideration of the application.

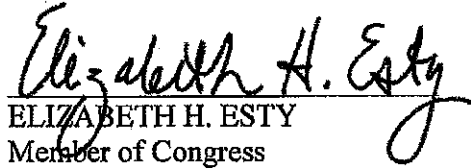
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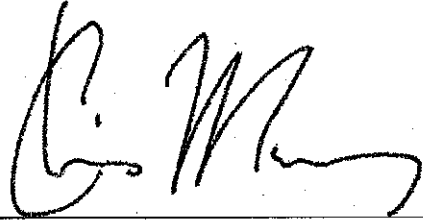
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United States Senate



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ELIZABETH H. ESTY  
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CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY  
United States Senate



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