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May 2, 2016

The Honorable Joseph P. Ganim
Mayor
City of Bridgeport
Margaret E. Morton Government Center
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1218** – PSEG Power Connecticut LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 485 megawatt (MW) dual fuel combined-cycle electric generating facility at the existing Bridgeport Harbor Station located at 1 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dear Mayor Ganim:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence received on May 2, 2016, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

At a public meeting held on March 31, 2016, the Council considered and ruled to hold a public hearing on this matter. This schedule includes a public hearing in the City of Bridgeport on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at the Bridgeport City Hall Council Chambers 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 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 the City of Bridgeport does 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 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/MP/lm

c: Parties and Intervenors
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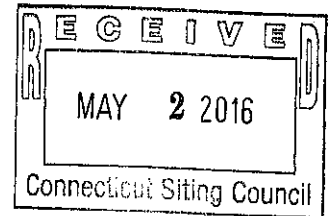


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Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The City of Bridgeport believes very strongly in this PSEG project for many reasons, not the least of which is the environmental health benefits that will accrue to Bridgeport citizens, businesses and visitors in the immediate area of the facility and areas will beyond it that will result for its conversion from coal-generated power to natural gas-generated power.

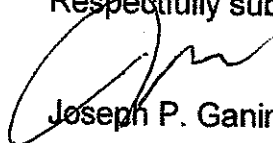
The proposed project is to be located in an area that is already industrially-zoned, has features that will make it resilient and dependable as a power source, is proposed to have state-of-the-art emissions controls, will have reduced exhaust stack emissions, will be compliant with local noise regulations, and contains a local hiring commitment.

Moreover, PSEG has agreed to comply with principles of environmental justice in its permitting applications, has agreed to reduce any adverse impacts to the surrounding community and its biosphere, and has agreed to a Community Environmental Benefit Agreement dated February 25, 2016 with the City of Bridgeport, the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental and Economic Justice, the University of Bridgeport, the South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Committee, the West Side/West End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Implementation Committee, and the Black Rock NRZ, that has taken into account local community concerns and issues by creating and agreeing to fund a Community Environmental Benefit Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000 and an initiative called the Renewable Energy Investment Program

under which PSEG will invest at least \$5,000,000 in renewable energy investment projects in the City of Bridgeport.

For the foregoing reasons and in light of the benefits that will accrue to the citizens, businesses and visitors in the City of Bridgeport and beyond its borders, the City expresses its support of this PSEG project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ganim', is written over the typed name.

Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor