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**RE: Petition No. 1104**

Dear Siting Council Members:

As the City Council member representing the 130<sup>th</sup> District, I am thrilled to speak in support of the Green Energy Park project.

My district is home to Bridgeport's Eco-Technology Park, where the world's second largest fuel cell produces virtually no air pollution. It is a great source of pride that our previously abandoned industrial area is now breathing new life with green jobs and clean energy.

The Green Energy Park project is planned just across Black Rock Harbor from my district. Currently, we can look across the harbor directly in view of the landfill. Though this was land historically abused by us, the Seaside landfill now has an opportunity to generate clean energy and great pride. This project demonstrates Bridgeport's commitment to being the cleanest, greenest city.

There is a vocal minority of my constituents who oppose this project. Their views are based on two issues, 1) believing that this landfill could be rehabilitated into a viable park and 2) the belief that the solar panels are going to taint the water views enjoyed by our shoreline neighbors. After much research and discussion with the project managers, I disagree with each of these views.

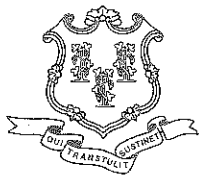
As you are well aware, the Green Energy Park, spearheaded by United Illuminating, consists of 9,000 solar panels and a 2.8 MW fuel cell. It will create up to 92 jobs. It is expected to earn the City of Bridgeport \$7 million over the course of its lease. And, once complete, Green Energy Park will power up to 5,000 homes with virtually air pollution free energy. That's critical to a healthier environment for our kids since Bridgeport children suffer from asthma rates that are nearly 3 times higher than the state average.

I enthusiastically support this project as it creates jobs, produces clean energy and grows our tax base.

I hope you will join me in support of this project.

Sincerely,

Susan Brannelly



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September 12, 2014

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1104** – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 2.2 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility and a 2.8 MW AC Fuel Cell facility on approximately 22 acres of the former Seaside Landfill located at 350 Waldemere Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dear Councilman Brannelly:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated September 11, 2014, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

At a public meeting held on June 26, 2014, 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, September 11, 2014, 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 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.

Yours very truly,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director

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