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March 24, 1999

Jeffrey M. Durst
General Manager
Hull Forest Products, Inc.
101 Hampton Road
Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Re: PETITION NO. 410 – Hull Forest Products, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 1,200 kW electric generating facility to replace two backup generators located at an existing sawmill plant in Pomfret, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Durst:

At a public meeting held on March 24, 1999, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that the replacement of two backup generators with two new diesel generators to self-generate electricity at the Hull Forest Products facility in the Town of Pomfret, Connecticut, 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 applies only to Petition No 410, is conditional upon approval of the stationary source permit from the Department Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Management, and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition, dated March 4, 1999.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mortimer A. Gelston'.

Mortimer A. Gelston
Chairman

MAG/PMA/jlh

Enclosure: Staff Report dated March 24, 1999

c: Honorable David I. Patenaude, First Selectman, Town of Pomfret
Lawrence J. Golden, Pullman & Comley, LLC



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Staff Report
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On March 18, 1999, Connecticut Siting Council (Council) members William H. Smith and Gerald J. Heffernan, and Council staff Joel M. Rinebold and Paul M. Aresta met Hull Forest Products, Inc. (HFP) representatives Lawrence J. Golden and Jeffrey M. Durst for a site inspection of two electric generators located at the HFP facility, 101 Hampton Road in Pomfret, Connecticut. HFP is petitioning the Council for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) is required for the placement and operation of two diesel generators at the HFP facility.

HFP replaced two 13 year old backup diesel generators totaling approximately 640 kW with two new diesel generators to self-generate electricity at its existing sawmill plant. The larger 1,000 kW generator will run during first shift production hours, while the smaller 200 kW generator will run at other times. The new generators were placed within the existing building that was used for the two backup generators, and will be serviced by an existing 10,000 gallon above-ground fuel tank with secondary containment, which was installed in 1997. Electricity produced by the two generators would not be supplied to the regional electric system (grid).

The HFP facility is located on approximately 15 acres and consists of a total of 11 buildings. The surrounding land uses include forest land and agricultural cropland. There are no wetlands within 430 feet of the facility. The nearest residence, other than the petitioner's residence, is located approximately 1,800 feet away from the existing generator building.

HFP has applied to the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Management for a stationary source permit. The nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from the facility would be 39 tons per year. HFP contends that the placement of two generators totaling 1,200 kW at its existing sawmill facility would not impact nearby residences or wetlands; would not be a major source of air emissions; would have no water-related impacts; and would not cause a substantial adverse environmental effect.