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TO: Participants in Contested Cases

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **Electronic Filings**

The Siting Council has worked aggressively these last several years to develop a useful website that is easy to navigate and contains important information for all persons involved in Council business. I think we have achieved that goal quite effectively.

An area where I feel the website is clearly lacking, however, is in connection with pending matters. With only a few exceptions (most notably the D272 Phase II matter), our website has largely limited itself to past actions by the Council. That is, once a matter is decided, we post the decision to the website for the public to read.

Members of the public – indeed, all Council participants – have the greatest need to access documents and information when a matter is actually pending before the Council. To better address this need the Council intends to move our website's usefulness to the next level.

The Council will now seek to maintain records of all pending contested cases on its website, beginning with Docket No. 317. Thus, in addition to filing an original and 20 copies of your documents, the Council now asks that you file an electronic version of the Application, maps, bulk filings and all other documents that are filed with the Council during a contested case. Please make sure to PDF these documents and that each individual document is no larger than 20 megabytes. Please note that this process will also be used for a Petition if the Council decides to hold a hearing on a specific case.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in our efforts to assist the public in this fashion. If you have any questions in regards to this new process, please feel free to contact Carriann Mulcahy via phone at (860) 827-2940, or *e*-mail at Carriann.Mulcahy@ct.gov.

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