



FuelCell Energy

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March 23, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

Ms. Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

**PETITION NO. 1214** – Groton Fuel Cell 1, 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 5.6 megawatt fuel cell combined heat and power electric generating facility located at the Pfizer Groton campus, 445 Eastern Point Road, Groton, CT

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Department of Economic and Community Development State Historic Preservation Office's response regarding FuelCell Energy, Inc.'s request for a determination regarding the Pfizer Fuel Cell Project's effect on historic, architectural or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for inclusion in the file for this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer D. Arasimowicz  
Vice President, Managing Counsel

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State Historic Preservation Office

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PROJECT REVIEW COVER FORM

1. This information relates to a previously submitted project.

You do not need to complete the rest of the form if you have been previously issued a SHPO Project Number. Please attach information to this form and submit

SHPO Project Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not all previously submitted projects will have project numbers)

Project Address 445 Eastern Point Road, Groton  
(Street Address and City or Town)

2. This is a new Project.

If you have checked this box, it is necessary to complete ALL entries on this form .

Project Name Pfizer Fuel Cell Project

Project Location 445 Eastern Point Road

Include street number, street name, and or Route Number. If no street address exists give closest intersection.

City or Town Groton

In addition to the village or hamlet name (if appropriate), the municipality must be included here.

County New London

If the undertaking includes multiple addresses, please attach a list to this form.

Date of Construction (for existing structures) N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY (include full description in attachment):

Installation of a 5.6 MW fuel cell combined heat and power generating facility, including all associated equipment and site improvements at the Pfizer research and development site in Groton.

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED

a. Does this undertaking involve funding or permit approval from a State or Federal Agency?

Yes  No

Agency Name/Contact  
Connecticut Siting Council

Type of Permit/Approval  
Petition of Groton Fuel Cell 1, LLC for a Declaratory Ruling that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is Not Required for the the Installation of a Fuel Cell at Pfizer Inc.'s Groton Facility

State Federal

Yes No

b. Have you consulted the SHPO and UCONN Dodd Center files to determine the presence or absence of previously identified cultural resources within or adjacent to the project area?

If yes:  
Was the project site wholly or partially located within an identified archeologically sensitive area?

Does the project site involve or is it substantially contiguous to a property listed or recommended for listing in the CT State or National Registers of Historic Places?

Does the project involve the rehabilitation, renovation, relocation, demolition or addition to any building or structure that is 50 years old or older?



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The Historic Preservation Review Process in Connecticut Cultural Resource Review under the National Historic Preservation Act – Section 106 http://www.achp.gov/106summary.html involves providing technical guidance and professional advice on the potential impact of publicly funded, assisted, licensed or permitted projects on the state's historic, architectural and archaeological resources.

Project review is conducted in two stages. First, the SHPO assesses affected properties to determine whether or not they are listed or eligible for listing in the Connecticut State or National Registers of Historic Places. If so, it is deemed "historic" and worthy of protection and the second stage of review is undertaken.

ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS\*:

- PROJECT DESCRIPTION Please attach a full description of the work that will be undertaken as a result of this project. Portions of environmental statements or project applications may be included. The project boundary of the project should be clearly defined\*\*
PROJECT MAP This should include the precise location of the project – preferably a clear color image showing the nearest streets or roadways as well as all portions of the project. Tax maps, Sanborn maps and USGS quadrangle maps are all acceptable, but Bing and Google Earth are also accepted if the information provided is clear and well labeled. The project boundary should be clearly defined on the map and affected legal parcels should be identified.
PHOTOGRAPHS Clear, current images of the property should be submitted. Black and white photocopies will not be accepted. Include images of the areas where the proposed work will take place. May require: exterior elevations, detailed photos of elements to be repaired/replaced (windows, doors, porches, etc.) All photos should be clearly labeled.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Yes, N/A, Comments. Rows include: For Existing Structures (Property Card), For New Construction (Project plans or limits of construction, Historic District renderings), Soils Maps, and For non-building-related projects (Property Card, Soils Map, Historic Maps).

PROJECT CONTACT

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\*Note that the SHPO's ability to complete a timely project review depends largely on the quality of the materials submitted.
\*\* Please be sure to include the project name and location on each page of your submission.



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Based on our review of the information provided to the State Historic Preservation Office, it is our opinion that:

- No historic properties will be affected by this project. No further review is requested.  
*Pfizer Fuel Cell Project*
- This project will cause no adverse effects to the following historic properties. No further review is requested:
- This project will cause no adverse effects to the following historic properties, conditional upon the stipulations included in the attached letter:
- Additional information is required to complete our review of this project. Please see the attached letter with our requests and recommendations.
- This project will adversely affect historic properties as it is currently designed or proposed. Please see the attached letter for further details and guidance.

Catherine Labadia  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

*3/17/16*

Date