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September 9, 2014

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RE: Petition No. 1104

Dear Connecticut Siting Council Members,

I am City Council President Thomas McCarthy and, in addition to being the City Council President, I also represent the 133rd City Council District covering the North End of Bridgeport.

In my time on the Council I have seen the City of Bridgeport in good times and bad times. Fortunately, I can say with great confidence that Bridgeport is in the beginning of revitalization. I am proud to say that I have been a part, with the City Council, the Mayor and our State Delegation, of building the foundation of Bridgeport's revival. It has taken much time, energy and persistence, but we have reopened Pleasure Beach, The Steel Pointe waterfront development is being built and we are leading the nation and the world in fostering the Green economy. We have done these things and many more exciting developments by using our resources efficiently and in a way that will enhance our city to the benefit of our constituents.

The Green Energy Park project serves as a perfect example of how Bridgeport is making smart decisions to grow our city.

It involves taking property that is currently a negative to our community, a closed landfill, and turning it into a green energy park that will contribute to our community. This project will give Bridgeport an opportunity to move towards a greener future by creating jobs and increasing our clean energy use, which helps kids breathe easier. Asthma rates in Bridgeport, as in most old industrial cities, are unacceptably high. It is our moral obligation as representatives of these cities to make progress that will allow us to have cleaner and safer energy sources.

In addition to helping our kids breathe easier, the Green Energy Park offers a significant economic benefit to Bridgeport. This project will create up to 92 jobs and will contribute \$7 million much needed dollars to our tax base.

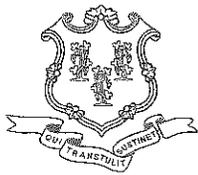
By turning an old and unused landfill into a hub for clean energy production, we'll create high paying jobs right here in Bridgeport while powering thousands of homes with clean energy. By investing in cleaner energy, our kids will breathe cleaner air.

Members of the council, I strongly support this project and urge you to support it as well. This project will have a positive effect on Bridgeport with no negative impact. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "T".

Thomas C. McCarthy
Bridgeport City Council President



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September 12, 2014

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Bridgeport City Council
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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 McCarthy:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated September 9, 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 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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