



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.
Acting Executive Director
State of Connecticut Siting Council
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New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Ms. Bachman:

RE: Petition No. 922

By previous correspondence to the Siting Council the Town of Glastonbury offered formal comments on the fuel cell at 1835 Hebron Avenue, petition No. 922. Specific recommendations involve landscaping, noise and color. The Town appreciates the opportunity to comment in this pending matter and forwards the following for the August 20th meeting of the Council.

- The fuel cell is a significant commercial installation within a residential neighborhood. The size and scope of this project has caused great concern by homeowners who will continue to experience the influence of the project for years to come.
- The landscape plan presented by the Town was developed by members of the Towns Beautification Committee. Individuals working on the Plan have considerable experience as landscape architects, arborists and landscape design and contracting professionals. The concept was developed in cooperation with residents who will be most directly influenced by the fuel cell.
- Recommendations on plant varieties, invasive species, irrigation and ongoing maintenance are based on well-established standards and many years of successful hands on experience. This is intended to help ensure the long term viability of site improvements.
- The Metropolitan District is supportive of a straightforward Agreement to allow for plantings on District land between the Fuel Cell and Hebron Avenue I have advised UIL accordingly. Visibility of the fuel cell from Hebron Avenue is referenced in the draft staff report prepared for this project.
- Added costs for items requested by the Town would be insignificant when compared to overall project costs (estimated at \$18 million by UIL) and as related to the site plan proposed by FCE/UIL.

On behalf of the Town of Glastonbury and the property owners proximate to the fuel cell I respectfully ask that the Siting Council incorporate all recommendations by the Town concerning landscaping, ongoing care and maintenance, noise, and colors.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for all your assistance in this regard and extend my thanks to the Siting Council for considering the matters described above and through previous correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard J. Johnson', is written over the typed name and title.

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Cc: Jennifer D. Arasimowicz, Vice President, Managing Counsel
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