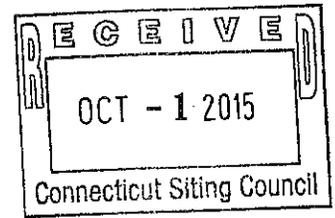




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September 29, 2015

Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

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RE: Petition No. 922 – UIL Distributed Resources, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Fuel Cell generating facility located at 1835 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT. Revision.

Dear Chairman Stein, esteemed members of the CT Siting Council, and Acting Executive Director Bachman:

We are writing to respectfully request that you require UIL Distributed Resource's petition No. 920 to accommodate the Town of Glastonbury's proposed landscape plan, a comprehensive noise study and unobtrusive structure colors.

From the start and throughout the petition process - whether changing plans without approval, notifying abutters, being upfront in sharing details of their plans, or being willing to engage in meaningful dialogue with neighbors - the inconsistencies, lack of due diligence and lack of transparency by UIL has raised questions and generated mistrust.

- UIL unilaterally revised the Siting Council's approved plan without input from the Siting Council, the Town of Glastonbury, and nearby homeowners. The result is a diminished tree buffer and a greater eyesore to the community.
- While UIL characterized themselves as, "good corporate citizens," their utter disregard for the formerly picturesque residential neighborhood they have invaded proves otherwise. Their unwillingness to integrate themselves into the community is indicative of a lack of respect and understanding of the community's identity.
- UIL's plan states that its location is largely shielded from public view as a result of the forested site and elevated terrain, however two of the four property lines are level with the adjacent streets and the tree buffer has been significantly impacted, as described above, thereby nullifying their statement.
- UIL's plan states it will not have any significant impact on the neighborhood's aesthetics, yet removal of shrubs and trees show that not to be the case – abutters who previously saw nothing from their homes now have a front row seat to view the fuel cell, proposed to be enhanced with a slat or chain link fence.

- UIL states noise levels will be below those of the abutters' noise levels, however combined together, noise will be increased overall. While UIL states the equipment is inherently quiet, they have made a point to outline the various ways they continue to try to minimize noise that is generated, almost to a point of overkill.
- Above all, notice to abutting property owners has been inconsistent and, as of yet, still incomplete.

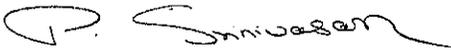
These are just a few examples. In addition, UIL has not only failed to follow through on their original plan approved in 2009, they have continued to scale back even further throughout the years to the detriment of the Town of Glastonbury.

The inconsistent behavior and unreliable actions of UIL compromises the ability to have any sense of trust or confidence in their proposed plans for the fuel cell, or that they have followed the necessary process and procedures.

For these reasons, we encourage reconsideration of the parameters of this petition. UIL should reincorporate the Town of Glastonbury's landscape plan to minimize their intrusion into a residential community. Rather than obstruct the goals of the Town and the Siting Council, UIL can use this opportunity to build trust with the local community, including being fully transparent with the abutting neighbors about plans, actively solicit their input and listen to their concerns. In so doing, this should enable UIL to move forward in a mutually agreeable way.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter. We would like to invite you to meet with us at the Fuel Cell generating facility, along with the Richard Johnson, the Glastonbury Town Manager, members of the Glastonbury Town Council, and a couple of concerned abutters. Kindly contact Representative Prasad Srinivasan's office to schedule a mutually convenient time at 860-240-8700.

Sincerely,



Prasad Srinivasan
State Representative, 31st District



Mark Tweedie
State Representative, 13th District



Steve Cassano
State Senator, 4th District

Cc: Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager, Town of Glastonbury
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