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RE: **PETITION NO. 784** – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Randall:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than November 3, 2006. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Very truly yours,

S. Derek Phelps  
Executive Director

Enclosure

c: Council Members  
Parties and Intervenors

**PRE-HEARING INTERROGATORIES**  
**PETITION NO. 784 – PLAINFIELD**  
**PLAINFIELD RENEWABLE ENERGY LLC**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2006**

1. How many residential structures are within 1,000 feet of the site? What is the distance and direction to the nearest residence?
2. Provide the property owner and land use for all abutting parcels including property west of the Providence and Worcester Railroad, south of Mill Brook Road, and east of Route 12, where applicable. Provide notice of the application to all abutters.
3. Provide a list of biomass providers that intend to provide fuel to PRE. Include the type and quantity of fuel to be provided.
4. What is the lifespan of the filter fabric system? How is the filter fabric replaced? Would replacement of the filter fabric require shutdown of plant operations? Is the disposed filter fabric treated as general waste?
5. Describe the water intake facilities including diameter of piping at intake point, number, location, and size of the pump(s) and pump house, and safeguards for humans, fisheries and wildlife.
6. When will PRE determine if noise control measures are necessary? Does PRE intend to install a Butler type metal turbine building as assumed in the noise study? Would use of this building type require additional noise mitigation treatments beyond those included in the building specifications?
7. Has PRE submitted the water diversion permit with CT DEP? If so, when? What concerns did the CT DEP have with the water diversion request?
8. What is the size of the on-site propane storage tank?
9. What were the topographic issues at the Agway Property (p. 89) that rendered that site nonviable?
10. What was the result of PRE's consultation with SHPO regarding cultural resources on and around the parcel?
11. Describe the electrical interconnection, specifically the number and heights of additional towers in the existing ROW. Would the ROW require expansion? Would any of the new towers be installed within wetland areas?
12. The site plan depicts the electrical line traversing the Environmental Land Use Restriction area. Describe the extent of clearing and soil disturbance in this area.

13. Does the site contain contaminated soil? Would excavated soil need waste characterization prior to disposal or specialized handling if used on site?
14. Provide a diagram that assigns a number to each on-site wetland. Describe the impacts and mitigation measures to each wetland. Describe the size of the buffer between each wetland area and limits of construction, where applicable.

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
**SERVICE LIST**

| Status Granted   | Status Holder<br>(name, address & phone number) | Representative<br>(name, address & phone number)  |
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