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RE: **PETITION NO. 784MR** – 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 Chairman Harrison:

The Connecticut Siting Council is in receipt of your correspondence dated July 8, 2008. Thank you for taking the time to bring these items of concern to you to our attention.

Your letter speaks of three matters of interest to the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ), all in connection with the above-referenced proceeding involving a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project in Plainfield. This generating facility would use cooling water from the Quinebaug River in Canterbury which would involve the installation of a pumping station off Packer Road and construction of an associated underground pipeline along several local roads that would lead to the plant. It is this pumping station and water line that has been the subject of inquiry from local residents and thus your agency's interest in these matters.

The CEQ should be advised that on May 20, 2008, the Council received a Motion to Reopen the record in this proceeding filed on behalf of the Friends of The Quinebaug River. In response to that motion, on June 26, 2008 the Council moved to convene a hearing, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b), to hear evidence as to whether conditions have changed such that the Council should conduct further proceedings to examine whether its original decision should be reversed or modified. That hearing is scheduled to occur on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

Much of the substance of your inquiries relate to the issues that will be before the Council at this hearing. Subsequent to the hearing, the Council may choose to take substantive action that may also prove to be germane to any responses we would provide to you relating to your inquiries into this matter.

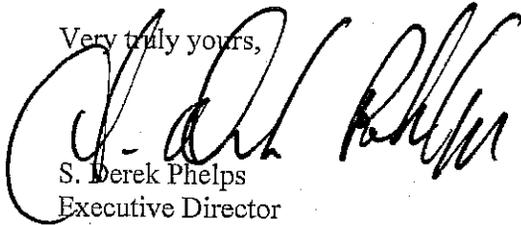


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In light of the above I trust you will agree that a substantive reply to your inquiries would best be prepared once these scheduled matters have properly concluded. On that basis I ask for your patience and indulgence while the Council considers the information and evidence that will develop in connection with the hearing scheduled next month. Once those matters run their course, I will ensure that your inquiries receive a proper and timely response.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and for your understanding. Meanwhile, if I may be of further assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,



S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors