



Catherine H. Smith
Commissioner

May 5, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Stein:

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has received two letters from Colebrook residents expressing their concerns regarding the construction of six industrial wind turbines, by BNE Energy, Inc. near their property. Attached are copies of the letters from Catherine C. Norton and Brian R. Smith and Erina L. Smith.

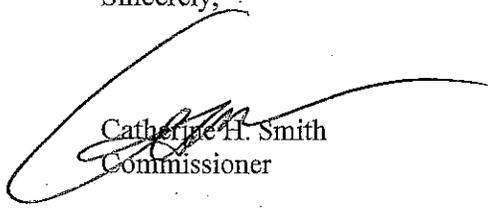
These residents are concerned that the turbines may present potential health and safety issues, and feel that regulations and standards should be adopted to address these prior to their approval by the Connecticut Siting Council.

It is this department's understanding that BNE Energy, Inc. initially filed for a declaratory ruling (via Petition #980) on November 17, 2010 pursuant to CGS Sec. 16-50k(a). It is also our understanding that the Connecticut Siting Council is considering an expedited declaratory ruling.

DECD fully supports the state's initiative to develop alternative energy sources. Please find copies of letters from residents of the town of Colebrook attached for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


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cc: Daniel C. Esty, Commissioner, DEP
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