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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Linda L. Roberts
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Comments on Proposed Regulations Relating to Wind Turbines

Dear Ms. Roberts:

I am writing in my personal capacity to offer an observation concerning the Connecticut Siting Council's proposal to modify its regulations concerning the procedures for siting wind turbine renewable energy projects. Over all, I believe that the Siting Council has done an excellent job of balancing the benefits that these renewable energy projects will have to the citizens of Connecticut (greater energy independence, emissions reduction, increased jobs, etc.) with the burdens that may be placed on those property owners whose properties may be more closely situated to such facilities. The Siting Council should be commended for its efforts.

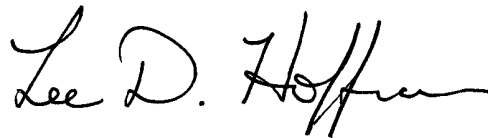
It has come to my attention that certain groups have indicated that the proposed regulations are not sufficiently "strict" in their regulation of wind turbine facilities. I disagree. It is my opinion that the Siting Council has carefully considered the potential environmental, health and safety impacts that may be associated with such projects and addressed them appropriately. Indeed, it would appear that if anything, the Siting Council has been cautious in its approach to such issues.

I say that after having read the January 2012 *Wind Turbine Health Impact Study: Report of Independent Expert Panel* prepared for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. A copy of this Report is enclosed with this letter for your review. As you review the Report, you will note that the report studies, evaluates and then suggests best practices to be followed in the siting and construction of wind turbines. Issues such as noise, shadow flicker and ice throw are all addressed in this Report. A review of the Report demonstrates that the Siting Council's regulations are indeed on the right path and are consistent with the most recent independent review of wind turbine projects. As such, I believe that the proposed regulations are a necessary step for Connecticut to continue to build its renewable energy infrastructure.

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Thank you in advance for your attention to these comments. If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee D. Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "H".

Lee D. Hoffman

Enclosure

cc: Melanie A. Bachman