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To:       Energy and Telecommunications Industry Representatives

From:    Melanie A. Bachman, Acting Executive Director

Re:       Petitions for Declaratory Rulings - Notice Requirements

Pursuant to R.C.S.A. §16-50j-40(a), “Notice to other persons,” the Connecticut Siting Council requests that an abutters map, in addition to the list of abutters notified, be submitted with all petitions for declaratory rulings. It is the petitioner’s burden to ensure that all abutters are identified and notified in accordance with this section and to provide proof of such notice. Council staff should not have to conduct a search of the land records to verify that all abutters have been properly notified.

Furthermore, for petitions submitted pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50k(a), R.C.S.A. §16-50j-40(a) requires that the same entities and individuals delineated under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50j for an application receive notice of the filing of the petition. These entities and individuals include municipalities having a boundary not more than 2,500 feet from the proposed facility and members of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located.

A resource for the identification of the members of the legislature may be accessed at the following link:


Effective immediately, petitions for declaratory rulings submitted to the Council without an abutters map will be rejected as incomplete pursuant to R.C.S.A. §16-50j-39a.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.