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Mr. Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Chairman Caruso and Members of the Connecticut Siting Council:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on Section 8 of Public Act 07-242, which reads, "Not later than September 1, 2007, the Connecticut Siting Council, in consultation with the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council, established pursuant to section 28-1b of the general statutes, and the Department of Public Utility Control shall initiate a contested case proceeding, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to investigate energy security with regard to the siting of electric generating facilities and transmission facilities, including consideration of planning, preparedness, response and recovery capabilities. The Connecticut Siting Council may conduct such proceedings in an executive session with sensitive information submitted under a protective order."

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is committed to fulfilling the requirement set forth in the Public Act. This requirement is in keeping with our agency's mission to direct and coordinate all available resources to protect the life and property of the citizens of Connecticut in the event of a disaster or crisis, through a collaborative program of prevention, planning, preparedness, response, recovery, and public education.

Enhancing energy security is vital to the state's overall homeland security strategy and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) strongly supports our role to advise the Siting Council on security issues raised in the siting of future electric generating facilities and transmission facilities as outlined in the Public Act.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

James M. Thomas
Commissioner

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