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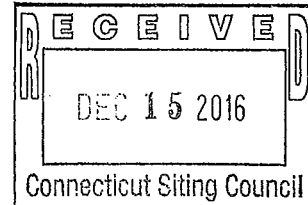
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Mr. Robin Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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RE: DOCKET NO. 470 – NTE Connecticut, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility and associated electrical interconnection switchyard located at 180 and 189 Lake Road, Killingly, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Stein:

The Town Council of the Town of Killingly appreciates the diligence the members of the Siting Council have shown in their consideration of the proposed Killingly Energy Center. The members of the Town Council have followed the evidentiary hearings with great interest, and they are encouraged by the pointed questions put to the applicant by the Siting Council.

The Town Council is charged with advocating for the best interests of the residents of Killingly. Not unexpectedly, there are differences of opinion among those residents; the most vocal opinions are of those opposed to the siting of another power plant in Killingly. While the Town Council has not taken an official position on the issue, it does support the findings of the Town's consultant, and it supports the contents of the municipal orders submitted by the Town's Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commissions. The Town Council understands that the Town does not have a direct voice in the decision before the Siting Council, and it is sympathetic to the serious responsibility borne by the members of the Siting Council.

In addition to possessing a strong desire to ensure that, if NTE's application is approved, the facility is the safest any such facility can possibly be, the Town Council has serious concerns about the effect that the large amount of water required for the plant's operation will have on the Town's future—from an economic development perspective, as well as from a simple future water availability perspective. This fall, a representative of Connecticut Water addressed the Town Council, and he provided very little confidence that Connecticut Water has a strategic plan to address the source of additional potable water that may be needed in Killingly.

It is the Town Council's hope that the Siting Council will exert considerable pressure on the applicant to seriously investigate and ultimately utilize some alternative to potable water for its operational needs. Future availability of potable water is of vital importance; this issue is even more apropos in light of the serious drought conditions New England is experiencing.

Killingly is growing—wants to grow—we hope to welcome more residents and businesses to town in the coming years. Obviously, the ability to provide water is one of the most basic municipal infrastructure necessities. Without potable water, Killingly cannot continue to grow and prosper.

Recognizing that the need for inexpensive, readily available electric capacity and transmission is extremely important to our region, the Town Council implores the Siting Council to bear in mind the importance of balancing that future need with the immediate and future effects another power plant will have on the residents of Killingly. As you consider the environmental compatibility of and the need for the Killingly Energy Center, we strongly urge you to also bear in mind that the applicant has the resources to utilize non-potable sources of water. The Siting Council has the authority and ability to ensure that the applicant commits its considerable resources to such utilization.

The Town Council is grateful for the effort shown by the Siting Council to ensure that this project, if approved, is not only necessary and safe, but that it also creates as little impact to our precious natural resources as possible. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Sincerely,



David A. Griffiths, Chairman
Town Council of the Town of Killingly