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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 19, 2016

Pamela Cartledge, Chair
Pomfret Conservation Commission
Pomfret Town Hall
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Pomfret Center, CT 06259

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 Ms. Cartledge:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 14, 2016 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50(b), a copy of this application is required to be submitted to the Town of Pomfret, including the Conservation Commission, for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

In the event the Town of Pomfret or the Pomfret Conservation Commission does not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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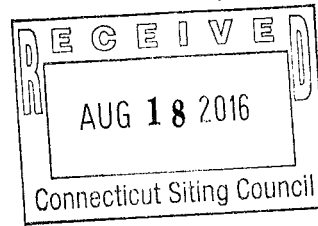


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Dear Connecticut Siting Council,

I am the Chairperson of the Pomfret Conservation Commission and am writing to you on behalf of this commission to express our opposition to the proposed NTE Energy's natural gas power plant on Lake Road in Killingly, Connecticut. The construction of the plant would require filling valuable wetlands, cutting woodlands and would also require an extension of the Algonquin gas pipeline across the Quinebaug River to supply natural gas to the proposed power plant. We question the negative impact on the health of the Quinebaug River, on which Pomfret borders for approximately 3 ½ miles. Connecticut is currently in a drought. Where would the water come from to fulfill the 100,000 gallons required daily by the NTE Energy power plant? The project would have a substantial negative impact upon the environment in our region of Connecticut. The Council on Environmental Quality was recently cited in the Hartford Courant stating its concern for the loss of agricultural and forest lands in recent years due to energy development ("*Concern Voiced for Forests, Farms,*" The Hartford Courant, 8/15/16, page B1).

There is already a natural gas power plant in Killingly, the Lake Road Generating plant, just one mile from the site of the proposed NTE Energy power plant, and, nearby in Rhode Island, there is the Ocean State Power Plant and another proposed power plant in Burrillville. The power plants are placed in a region with little political power to oppose their construction but bear the brunt of air pollution and the negative impact on human health. There appears to a concentration of current and proposed power plants in rural eastern Connecticut. An independent environmental study needs to be done to determine the combined impact of 4 power plants on the air and water quality of Pomfret, the Quinebaug River and other towns in this immediate part of Connecticut.

The air pollution and particulate matter generated by a natural gas power plant would negatively affect the health of adults and children. The American Heart Association reports that environmental air pollution negatively impacts the health of adults and children resulting in hospitalization and mortality. The potential effect from air pollution will be felt in towns surrounding Killingly, including Pomfret. The proposed power plant is a detriment to citizens throughout northeast Connecticut.

Therefore, I strongly urge the Connecticut Siting Council to deny the proposed NTE Energy power plant on Lake Road in Killingly.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Pamela Cartledge, Chair
Pomfret Conservation Commission