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CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL
INTERVENOR STATUS REQUEST FORM

Docket/Petition No. 192B Town/City Oxford, CT

Name: Middlebury Bridle Land Association

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1. Manner in which petitioner claims to be substantially and specifically affected:

The Middlebury Bridle Land Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the region's bridle trails for horseback riding. The State of Connecticut has a thriving horse industry that contributes \$3.5 million to the state economy, as reported by Governor Malloy. The horse industry not only contributes to the state economy, it also supports Connecticut's appeal as a tourist destination. To this end, MBLA has worked diligently to preserve the rural environment of the Middlebury / Woodbury / Oxford / Naugatuck / Southbury area, which includes much land that has been formally preserved as open space for the enjoyment of all residents. Such enjoyment would be greatly compromised by the construction of the CPV Towantic Hill energy plant. This plant's smokestacks would be visible for miles around and would have a negative impact – both visually and environmentally – on land that has been preserved as open space for enjoyment by horseback riders, hikers, mountain bikers, skiers, and those riding through the state to enjoy its beautiful surroundings. We feel strongly that large industrial buildings with smokestacks that tower 150 feet up into the air on one of the highest hills in the area do not belong in a rural environment. This view is shared by others in the region: for example, the town of Middlebury has limited its industrial/manufacturing zone to "light industry" or office use only. The proposed power plant would sit just 500 feet from the Middlebury town line and hundreds of acres of current open space and farm land.

The MBLA hosts annual rides and hunter paces, where riders from throughout Connecticut and adjoining states gather together to enjoy the vistas available from the Larkin State Bridle Trail

and the adjoining Larkin farm. Money raised from these events are not only used to support association activities and to preserve the local trails but have also been donated to charitable organizations, such as St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Riders attending these events in the past have often spoken about the wonderful trails and the views afforded to participants and have mentioned how lucky we are as a region to have such unspoiled views. Once this plant is built, these views and the rural open space that is spoiled will never be returned to these and future generations of Connecticut residents.

2. Manner and extent to which petitioner proposes to participate:

MBLA would appreciate the opportunity to be represented at the hearings and to present information to the Siting Council that we believe should be considered prior to any decision regarding this proposed power plant. We reserve the right to cross-examine the applicant and any or all of the expert witnesses presented.

Copies of this request shall be electronically mailed to all participants at least five days before the date of the hearing.

Signed Maureen D'Agostino Vayle Date 1/8/15