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Mr. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Street
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Dear Mr. Phelps:

I am writing to urge the Connecticut Siting Council to approve the request by the Kleen Energy project to extend its permit time for completion. As a Councilman of the City of Middletown I believe it is important that the Siting Council be aware of the tremendous benefits which this project has brought to our City.

For the past several years Kleen Energy has provided hundreds of good paying construction jobs during one of the worst economic downturns in my memory. I believe at one point there were more than eight hundred construction people working on the hill where the power plant is being built.

This project is the only project that could be built to help stabilize what was once a major problem for the City of Middletown- the mining silt draining onto River Road and eventually into the Connecticut River. I can tell you personally as the former Mayor of the City that the cost to maintain River Road was always an issue. This problem has gone away since Kleen Energy began its work.

The taxes paid by the project this year to the City of Middletown will be close to \$1.5 million dollars. The City of Middletown has a long-term tax agreement with the project as well which will continue to bring financial benefit to the community.

I have had the opportunity to visit the project at various times since the construction work started in late 2007 and have been impressed with the quality of work and the maintenance of the campus. I am also aware of the event that took place on Super Bowl Sunday and its impact on Middletown and Portland. Middletown's emergency response personnel played an important role in helping to work through that difficult time. I do not believe anything will be gained by denying the Kleen Energy project its request for an extension. I also believe that a denial could

be very damaging to the project and the City of Middletown since it could raise questions about the ability of the company to complete the development. I strongly urge the Siting Council to approve the request by Kleen Energy in Docket 225C so that this project can be completed and be commercially operational as soon as possible.

Yours

Handwritten signature of Thomas J. Serra in cursive script.

Thomas Serra

Councilman

City of Middletown