# STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL



APPLICATION OF KLEEN ENERGY SYSTEMS, LLC

FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

AND PUBLIC NEED FOR AN ELECTRIC GENERATING

FACILITYAND SWITCHYARD IN MIDDLETOWN

DOCKET NO. 225D

**NOVEMBER 23, 2010** 

# Pre-Hearing Submission by Town of Portland

In accordance with the Hearing Notice issued by The Connecticut Siting Council dated October 28, 2010 and the Pre-Hearing Memo dated November 18, 2010, the Town of Portland herewith submits its list of Pre-filed Testimony, Exhibit List and Expected Witness List.

#### **Pre-Filed Testimony**

The Town of Portland submits the following items of pre-filed testimony:

Letter from Portland First Selectwoman Susan S. Bransfield dated November 22, 2010.

#### **Exhibit List**

All letters and documents referenced in the Pre-Filed Testimony List above.

## **Expected Witness List**

Portland First Selectwoman Susan S. Bransfield.

Respectfully Submitted, TOWN OF PORTLAND

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November 22, 2010

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

Re: DOCKET NO. 225D – Kleen Energy Systems, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of an Electric Generating Facility and Switchyard on River Road, Middletown, Connecticut. Reopening of this docket pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b) limited to Council consideration of changed conditions and of the attachment of conditions to the certificate consistent with the findings and recommendations in the Executive Report issued by the Thomas Commission.

Dear Chairman Caruso and Members of the CT Siting Council:

The Hearing being held on December 7, 2010 will consider changed conditions and the attachment of conditions to the certificate that would be consistent with the findings of the Governor's Commission re: Kleen Energy Explosion a/k/a the Thomas Panel (the Thomas Commission).

In the testimony I presented at the August 3, 2010 hearing on the changes recommended by the Nevas Commission, I stated that "...all prudent safety measures must be in place to help prevent anyone from suffering such a terrible loss again." On behalf of not only the residents of Portland but also those residents of Middletown who live near the Kleen Energy facility, I again implore the Council to give paramount importance to public safety. Every feasible step must be taken to prevent recurrence of the February 7, 2010 explosion.

It should be recalled that the Nevas Commission's task was to determine the cause of the February 7, 2010 explosion, not to recommend changes in laws or regulations. The Nevas Commission Chairman, Alan Nevas, strongly urged that the Council attach to the extension of Kleen Energy's certificate the specific recommendations of the Thomas Commission. (Nevas Commission Final Report, page 8.)

Each one of the Thomas Commission's seven specific recommendations should be attached as applicable to Kleen Energy's Certificate:

facility as currently constructed if the following two conditions apply: (1) the changes enhance the safety of the facility, and (2) the facility can be modified without undue economic waste to meet the new standards.

The Town also urges the Council to resort to its statutory authority and hire its own consultant to consider whether and how the code changes as recommended by the Thomas Commission may be applied to the Kleen Energy facility. CGS Sec.16-50v (f).

(7) Recommendation 7 would require power plant applicants to the Council to pay for the extra training local fire and building officials will need to deal with the extra complexities such applications present.

The need to avert any future disasters supports amending Kleen Energy's certificate to achieve Recommendation 7 just as it supports attaching Recommendation 2. Requiring Kleen Energy to fund additional training for Middletown's fire marshal and building inspector lies within the Council's power to set appropriate conditions upon the certificates it grants. CGS Sec. 16-50p.

In summary, please allow me to repeat: Public Safety is paramount to everything else. I implore you to take the necessary time to ensure the safety of the public. Apply the Thomas Commission's recommendations as fully as possible to the remaining construction of Kleen Energy's facility. It is your responsibility and your charge as public officials of the CT Siting Council. Public Safety is the most important task you have. You recognized as much when you promised to reopen the Kleen Energy docket to "...adopt any pertinent recommendations made by the Thomas Commission to prevent the recurrence of such a tragic event." (Opinion in Docket No. 225C, October 7, 2010.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Susan S. Bransfield First Selectwoman

Susan S. Bransfield

#### **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 23, 2010, a copy of the foregoing was delivered by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, to all of the parties and intervenors appearing on the attached Service List dated July 30, 2010.

Kenneth H. Antin

Commissioner of the Superior Court

Date: July 30, 2010

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# LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS SERVICE LIST

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Intervenor	Earle Roberts	Earle Roberts 785 Bow Lane Middletown, CT 06457-4810 (860) 346-0068 (860) 344-9327 - fax eroberts4675@sbcglobal.net		
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Intervenor (granted on July 29, 2010)	The Honorable Eileen M. Daily State Senator - 33 <sup>rd</sup> District 103 Cold Spring Drive Westbrook, CT 06498 (860) 240-0462 (860) 240-0036 fax daily@senatedems.ct.gov			
Intervenor (granted on July 29, 2010)	The Honorable James A. O'Rourke State Representative – 32 <sup>nd</sup> District Legislative Office Building, Room 4108 Hartford, CT 06106-1591 (860) 635-2992 (860) 240-8585 (860) 240-0206 fax Reporourke@att.net			