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April 18, 2019

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman *MAB*
Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 470B** – 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. Reopening of this application based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from State Senator Mae Flexer dated April 12, 2019 concerning the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50(b), a copy of the application is to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review. This correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

Therefore, copies of State Senator Flexer's correspondence are being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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The Honorable Mae Flexer
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RE: **DOCKET NO. 470B** – 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. Reopening of this application based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Dear Senator Flexer:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated April 12, 2019 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Your comments shall 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. 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.

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
Executive Director

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From: McHale, Sarah [mailto:Sarah.McHale@cga.ct.gov]
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Subject: Letter from state Senator Mae Flexer

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a letter from state Senator Mae Flexer to the members of the Connecticut Siting Council, regarding the proposed Killingly Energy Center in Killingly, CT. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can answer any questions or provide any additional information. Thank you very much.

All the very best,

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April 12, 2019

To the Members of the Connecticut Siting Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts about this proposed power plant and the important issues surrounding it. As an elected representative of the people of Killingly, I have a number of concerns about the proposed Killingly Energy Center (KEC).

In my view, the most important factor I would ask you to consider in reviewing the application to construct this proposed new plant is the existence of a similar facility already operating in the immediate vicinity. The Lake Road Generating Plant has been running here in Killingly since 2002, located less than a mile from the proposed site of the KEC project. This existing plant represents a substantial and ongoing commitment by our small town to support the regional electric grid, along with the energy needs of homes and businesses in Connecticut and beyond in our neighboring New England states.

The Lake Road Generating Plant has a nominal capacity of 792 megawatts, making it one of the largest natural gas generation facilities in all of Connecticut, and making Killingly the third largest Connecticut generation site overall.

The addition of a new power plant in Killingly would make our small town by far the largest site in all of Connecticut for natural gas power generation. Since this proposed plant was last before you in 2016, its planned capacity has increased more than 18 percent from a 550 megawatt facility to 650 megawatts. According to data compiled by the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, if the new plant is approved, Killingly would become the second largest power generation site in all of Connecticut—second only to the Millstone nuclear facilities in Waterford.

This would be an enormous burden to place upon the people and environment of Killingly, which ranks as only the 65th most populous of Connecticut's 169 towns. To require so much of the state's electricity to be generated here, and along with it to concentrate such a large fraction of the state's pollutants and emissions from power generation in the air of this town, is grossly unfair.

One small community should not have to bear such a disproportionately large share of the negative externalities associated with meeting the state and region's electricity needs. As

I have previously noted, Killingly already bears more than its fair share of this burden through the presence of the existing natural gas generation facility within its borders.

There is also an important question of resource capacity. The design of the proposed Killingly Energy Center would require large amounts of locally sourced water to operate, a resource that is not unlimited and which is already utilized for the operation of the existing power plant, by other production facilities and businesses in the area, and of course for residential consumption in area homes. The dedication of such large quantities of local water to the proposed KEC facility would constrain the use of those resources for other purposes, both in the present and that might be contemplated for the future.

Simply put, the people of Killingly already make an enormous and highly disproportionate contribution to the power generation needs of Connecticut and our neighboring states, and we are happy to do so! Yet this community's willingness to support its existing facility should not be taken advantage of to force yet another large-scale facility on this town, its people and its environment.

In the event that, despite all of the above considerations, the Siting Council does decide to locate this facility in Killingly, I would make one further request. I would strongly urge you to only approve the KEC project if there is a guarantee that a Project Labor Agreement will be put in place. Such an agreement would ensure that the new facility is built by the most highly trained workers, and would provide these workers with a quality living wage. If the plant moves forward, the Siting Council should require that a Project Labor Agreement is in place and the Agreement be transferrable to any future owners of this property should the current proponents of this project sell it to another entity.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,



Mae Flexer
State Senator