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Mayor



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November 23, 2009

Mr. S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition of PSEG Power Connecticut LLC for a Declaratory Ruling to Approve the Installation and Operation of Three 48.5 MW Peaking Units at New Haven Harbor Station

Dear Mr. Phelps:

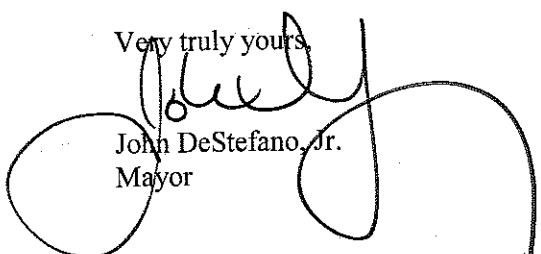
I write in support of PSEG Power's proposal to install and operate three peaking units adjacent to their existing unit at New Haven Harbor Station. PSEG has reached consensus with the City of New Haven, neighborhood groups and environmental groups on their proposal, and I believe an expedited Siting Council review process would therefore be appropriate.

It is an unusual situation for the City of New Haven to be in support of a proposal from a power company, but as a result of a successful environmental justice process, I feel comfortable that this proposal will have no adverse environmental impact. While it is hard to predict every possible scenario, under the vast majority of possibilities this proposal should result in net improved air quality for all the residents of New Haven, including those living closest to the proposed new units.

The City of New Haven, the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, the New Haven Environmental Justice Network and the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice all took part in the negotiations with PSEG Power, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding last week. This MOU pledges all parties to support modifying PSEG's Title V permit before the CT DEP and the creation of an Air Quality Fund, which together will result in net air quality improvements over the status quo.

I am pleased that PSEG Power took our concerns seriously and that we have reached agreement about moving forward with their proposal in a way that benefits everyone.

Very truly yours,


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