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Siting Council rejects Killingly gas plant, citing lack of need and public benefit

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – This afternoon the Connecticut Siting Council rejected the proposed Killingly Energy Center. The Council voted to deny without prejudice NTE Connecticut, LLC's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a 550 megawatt dual-fuel electric generating facility on Lake Road in Killingly, CT. Connecticut Fund for the Environment applauds the decision.

Members of the Siting Council based their votes on the fact that NTE failed to demonstrate the need for additional electric generation capacity and therefore could show no public benefit to building the plant. The Siting Council did not need to reach the issue of environmental impacts questions raised by CFE and other opponents because the first and necessary requirement, the public benefit of the facility, was not met so the plant may not be built.

Projected demand for natural gas electricity in New England is flat or declining due to increased efficiency and renewable energy, and results of the February ISO-New England auction show there is no need for a new natural gas-powered electric generation facility.

"We're pleased the Siting Council recognizes that building more gas plants is the wrong direction for Connecticut," **said Jack Looney, staff attorney at CFE and its bi-state program Save the Sound.** "In addition to being unnecessary, this power plant would have been destructive to the health of nearby residents and detrimental to Killingly's protected natural lands."

If approved, the Killingly Energy Center would have been the second electric generation facility to be sited on Lake Road in Killingly. The existing facility in Killingly is located within one mile from the site proposed for the Killingly Electric Center. The proposed site for the project was adjacent to the 32 acre Dunn Preserve owned and maintained by the Wyndham Land Trust and the surrounding area is located in the Quinebaug and Shetucket Valley National Heritage Corridor, also called the Last Green Valley.

Citizen group Not Another Power Plant, CFE, Sierra Club, and the Wyndham Land Trust all participated as parties in the proceeding before the Siting Council.

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