Small Business Impact Statement

Prior to adopting a new section or amendment, Section 4-168a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) requires that each state agency consider the effect of such action on small businesses as defined in C.G.S. Section 4-168a. When such regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, C.G.S. Section 4-168a directs the agency to consider regulatory requirements that will minimize the adverse impacts on small businesses if the addition of such requirements (1) will not interfere with the intended objectives of the regulatory action and (2) will allow the new section or amendment to remain consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

State Agency submitting proposed regulations: Connecticut Siting Council

Subject Matter of Regulations: regulations concerning the siting of wind turbines pursuant to Public Act 11-245.

X The regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, and no alternative considered would be both as effective in achieving the purpose of the action and less burdensome to potentially affected small business. Alternatives considered include the following:

(1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
(2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
(3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
(4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
(5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulation.

The Connecticut Siting Council notified the Department of Economic and Community Development on February 3, 2012 of its intent to take the proposed action and completed the Agency Fiscal Estimate of proposed regulations.