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Memorandum

To: Legislative Regulation Review Committee
From: Legislative Commissioners' Office
Committee Meeting Date: September 24, 2013

Regulation No:	2012-54C
Agency:	Connecticut Siting Council
Subject Matter:	Wind Regulations
Statutory Authority: (copy attached)	16-50kk

	Yes or No
Mandatory	Y
Federal Requirement	N
Permissive	N

For the Committee's Information:

This is a resubmittal of regulations that were rejected without prejudice at the committee's meeting on May 28, 2013. The resubmittal addresses the substantive concerns and technical corrections noted in the May 28, 2013 report.

Substantive Concerns:

Technical Corrections:

Recommendation:

**X Approval in whole
with technical corrections
with deletions
with substitute pages
Disapproval in whole or in part
Rejection without prejudice**

Reviewed by: Bradford M. Towson / Richard Hanratty

Date: September 9, 2013

Section 44 of Public Act 13-298:

Section 16-50kk of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) On or before July 1, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council, in consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the siting of wind turbines. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a consideration of (A) setbacks, including considerations of tower height and distance from neighboring properties; (B) flicker; (C) a requirement for the developer to decommission the facility at the end of its useful life; (D) [different requirements for projects of different sizes; (E)] ice throw; [(F)] (E) blade shear; [(G)] (F) noise; and [(H)] (G) impact on natural resources; and (2) a requirement for a public hearing for wind turbine projects.

(b) The Connecticut Siting Council shall not act on any application or petition for siting of a wind turbine until after the adoption of regulations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.