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#### Testimony

**R.H.B. 5504 An Act Concerning Notice And Public Information Sessions For Projects Considered And Approved By The Siting Council  
Energy and Technology Committee  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Chairman Senator Doyle, Chairman Representative Reed, Ranking Member Senator Formica, Ranking Member Representative Ackert, and distinguished members of the Energy and Technology Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify and offer written testimony in support of RHB 5504 An Act Concerning Notice And Public Information Sessions For Projects Considered And Approved By The Siting Council.

The responsibility of the Siting Council is to adhere to environmental standards for location, design, construction and operation of public utility facilities. They are charged with finding the location for the next project on hand. Being charged with this responsibility, it is important that they keep the chain of communication open between the town and the residents whose lives would and are being impacted.

In establishing a site for a fuel cell project, there is a defined process which needs to be followed. Thank you to the Committee for raising this legislation to require the Siting Council to repeat notification and hold a public information session when a project has not been completed within 3 years and/or whenever the scope or location of a project has changed since the original notice was provided, however I would request you to consider that whenever the scope or location of a project has been changed since the original notice, that the Siting Council follow through the same process of public information sessions.

In either of these two situations, the Siting Council will be required to proceed with due process for notification and public comment. My Town, Glastonbury, has gone through a very unpleasant experience related to a change in the original plan's start date to the actual delayed start date. My proposal will prevent this from happening to other towns in our state. That is the goal.

I urge you to consider adding the above changes to R.H.B 5504 to protect Connecticut's residents and expedite the Siting Council approval process. I will continue to make myself available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify and for the great work this Committee has accomplished.

Prasad Srinivasan  
State Representative, 31<sup>st</sup> District  
Glastonbury



**Addendum to Representative Srinivasan's Testimony  
R.H.B. 5504 An Act Concerning Notice And Public Information Sessions For Projects  
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**Enclosed, please find copies of letters from Glastonbury residents with their experiences and reactions concerning the Fuel Cell Facility in Glastonbury in reference to Petition No. 922 - UIL Distributed Resources, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a Fuel Cell generating facility located at 1835 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT. Revision.**



Dear Dr. Srinivasan,

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. My family and I live at 160 Hurlburt St. We have had the unpleasant experience of enduring the fuel cell construction since it began.

I have worked in the area of environmental compliance and public involvement on major highway and bridge construction projects nationally, and I have been shocked by the level of disregard for public information protocols as well as public safety and resource protection exhibited on this project. I personally called the Glastonbury Police this past winter to ask them to get some traffic protection out to the site when the entire northbound lane on Chalker Hill was blocked by a row of dump trucks. The curve in the road at that location made it impossible to see oncoming traffic. So dangerous- It was an icy morning and the school buses were out. This is but one example. Until the police or some authority prevailed upon the contractor, there were cars, trucks and heavy equipment regularly parked haphazardly along the right of way of both Chalker Hill and Hebron Ave- which is a state route.

The lack of transparency at the site was also surprising. I cannot tell you how many people in town were asking, "What is going on out in your neighborhood?" On the aforementioned morning when I called the police, they asked me if I knew what was going on! There was no signage indicating the sponsor of the project, the contractor or any other information that would allow the public to make inquiries or complaints.

We have lived on Hurlburt St. since late 2012, so I do not know if there was previous public involvement conducted for this project, but I can say that there has been no meaningful interaction with the community since we have been residents.

In recent weeks, we have noticed a gas "rotten eggs" smell near the fuel cell at times. This smell is sometimes present at the Stanley St cul-de-sac.

Given the fact that the cell was not built in the approved area, I also wonder if environmental permit requirements were met with respect to sedimentation and water quality. I am not an inspector, but I saw a lot of soil washing down the road at various times.

In summary, I think UIL and the CT Siting Council could have been challenged on a number of points had the community been adequately informed of the plans for the fuel cell construction. This could have tied up the project for a lengthy time or stopped it altogether. At the very least, it would seem that UIL should engage in an open and transparent effort to provide a landscaping plan which adequately mitigates the damage their project has done to the scenic and community values of this area.

Thank you again for your efforts in this regard, Carol Adkins

Carol Adkins  
803.361.0690

Dear Prasad,

I have to admit the only thing I've heard about this site is the current "issues" with it's cosmetics. But I have to ask, why is this different that other new construction sites. Once building permits are obtained and town council has approved the plan then it's up to the builder/owner to conform to the plan. There are plenty of new houses I'm not too keen of but was down under town's approval so I have to trust town in approving the construction and the inspection to standards. What I'm really interested in this site now is what is a "fuel cell"? What is it doing? Are there other issues that might be involved based upon the nature of a "fuel cell"? I'm more concerned with these issues as an engineer than current debate. It's definitely not downtown in Glastonbury, being located in a rural section, as such, not going to get much attention at the site other than the now "Streisand effect" which will surely incur added expenses to improve cosmetics and those added costs will be passed on to the customer (who ever that might be).

Respectfully,

Tom

Tom M. Bayley

Hi I live out at the edge of East Glastonbury so I drive by this site all the time - nearly every day. I must say I had no idea what it was as nothing was clearly indicated on the construction site. I have received 'zero notice' on this project to answer your question. It could have been a nuclear facility of some sort - who knows - right, we assume the worst sometimes, since there were no postings which I feel should have been there for citizens of this town, many who wondered what the project was. I personally think it should have been more than obvious what that site was to us who drive by it every day and live in this town so I already am suspicious of what is going on over there. Also I'm not sure how to comment on the noise issue as I have no way of previously 'hearing' the noise which a facility such as this gives off. My understanding of fuel cell technology is that it should be relatively silent as fuel cells pass a gas through a membrane to strip off electrons, converting them directly to electricity - a process which should be silent to my knowledge.

So it's a fuel cell power generation facility. First why do we need this at this location in our town and why was it such a secret as to who was the owner/running the project. Fuel cell is cutting edge and I'm all about saving power and being green. I would think the company building this would proudly display their logo all over it. Next my understanding is that standard fuel cell technologies run on hydrogen gas which is quite unstable so this is a concern and I feel should be addressed. If this runs on some other more stable gas then that would be helpful to know.

Next I heard that the facility was 'accidentally' built too close to the street or perhaps an adjoining property per town zoning codes. To me this indicates a failure on behalf of whatever zoning authority we pay a good municipal salary and (future) pension to in this town to manage this sort of thing. As it's unreasonable to move this facility to comply with zoning I think that things need to be resolved as best as possible with landscaping at the owner's cost or perhaps have the town employee who neglected their responsibilities either resign or pay for the landscape to correct the issues. Either way I'm concerned that we have town zoning authorities neglecting their responsibilities.

Finally, you reference UIL in this email. I feel fairly well versed with acronyms however this one does not light any bulbs with me so I have no idea who owns this facility as I'm sure many others that received your email. I suggest prior to using acronyms in your communications you write out the entire syntax of the name and include the acronym in parenthesis in your communications to us (your constituents).

How can UIL win back our trust? Whoever UIL is (who cares really, right?), if they are implementing what should be relatively quiet fuel cell technology and it is not an explosion hazard I would say they just need to bear a hefty part of citizens' town taxes which have become quite (insanely) high since I've been living in this town for 30+ years. I mean, let's face it, money smooths over all sorts of problems right? - especially in politics - whether it's for landscaping, sound dampening of a facility, or paying a bit more into bottomless town taxes.

Sorry as you can see I'm a bit frustrated with this entire thing that really wouldn't be a problem if town officials were doing their cushy jobs properly - at least from where I'm sitting - but I'm glad you are addressing it. Hopefully after this is over the town can get a few more bucks in their coffers.

- Mike Balaban

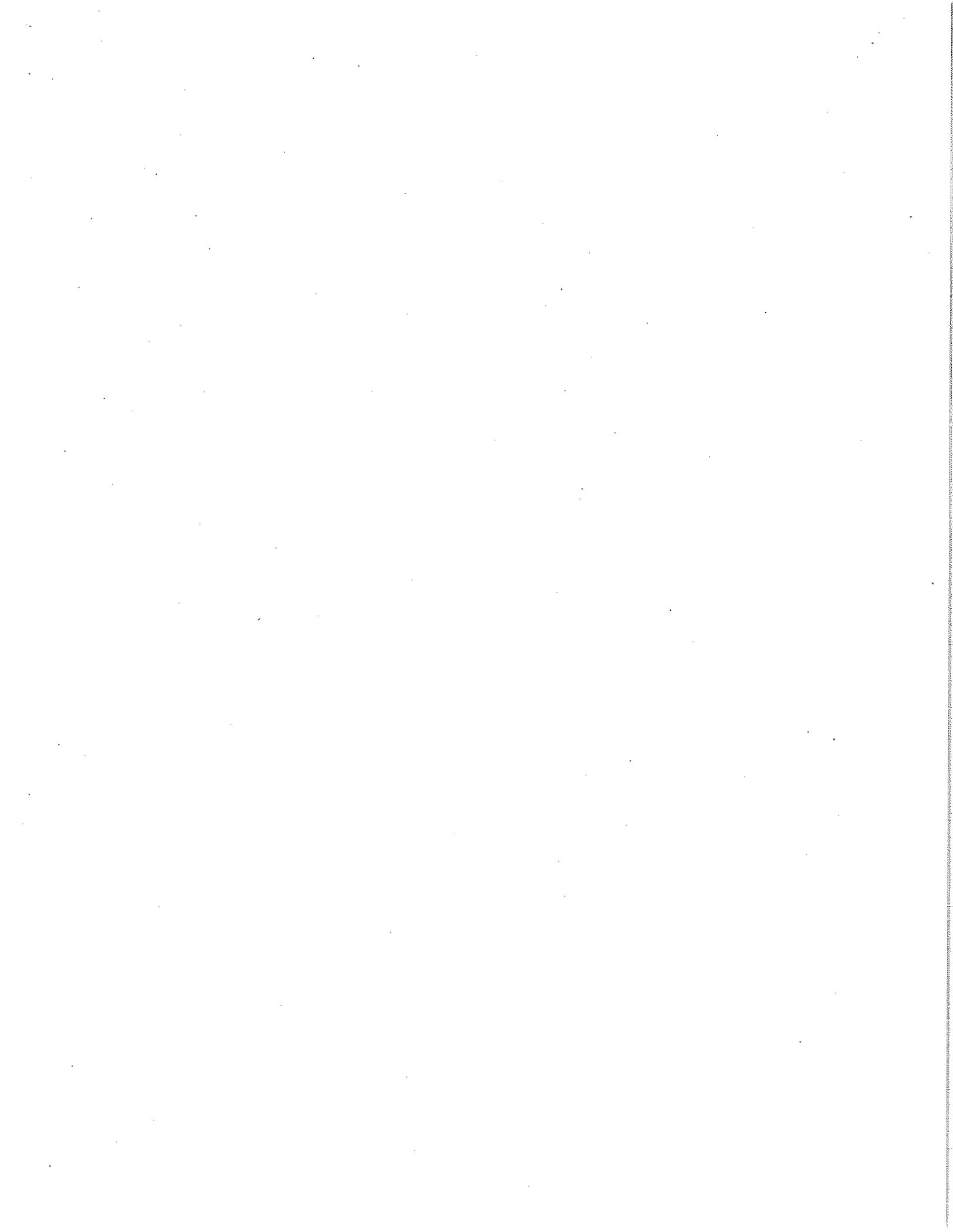
Dear Representative Srinivasan,

We are residents of Glastonbury and we are writing in support of removing the fuel cell being built at the corner of Chalker Hill and Hebron Avenue. We are outraged that UL (the holding company) and UIL (the utility company) are building such a massive industrial project in a residential neighborhood. Furthermore, we are furious that the company rejected a reasonable plan by the residents of the neighborhood to satisfactorily landscape and monitor the noise created by the operation of the fuel cell. In addition, we have experienced a problem with the traffic congestion (and noise) at that corner and foresee a big problem in the future due not only to the building of the fuel cell, but also the operation and maintenance it will require.

We also hold responsible the siting committee and the Glastonbury officials for the negligence in their oversight.

Regards,

John and Etta Brewer  
30 Tanglewood Drive  
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October 9, 2015

Dear Representative Srinivasan,

I am a resident of Glastonbury, and am writing in support of beautification and restoration of the fuel cell site on Hebron Avenue and Chalker Hill.

What was described in the October 6 letter is not an accurate representation of the public's experience with DFC/UIIL:

- Residents were not told about the construction plans or environmental repercussions of the fuel cell facility installation.
- Residents did not receive notification in November 2009 from DFC with an open comment period, as stated in the October 6 letter. No other notification was received from UIIL.
- UIIL's August 14 landscaping plan was not shared with residents.

Since the fuel cell has been installed, residents have experienced the following:

- Significantly increased traffic noise from Hebron Avenue.
- Construction commencing at 7am, 6 days a week, to include backup beepers and heavy machinery noise.
- Increased gas pumping/pipeline noise from the CNG gas station across the road.
- Construction crew parking on sides of the road, making driveway access and traffic difficult, and destroying grass and vegetation on the side of the road.

I believe:

- UIIL should take accountability by incurring the cost of landscape restoration and finding a solution to alleviate the increased traffic noise from Hebron Avenue. This financial burden should not be left up to taxpayers.
- UIIL should plant trees as part of landscape restoration. On page 12 of the October 6 letter, the Siting Council stated that trees "would serve little purpose." These trees would not only block the increased traffic noise from Hebron Avenue, but they would serve as environmental and aesthetic restoration.

We need UIIL to step up and take accountability for the damage done to our once quaint and quiet neighborhood.

Regards,

Christina Chapman

Prasad,

I don't know that anyone has the real facts but I believe they built it in the wrong place and as such made it into more of an issue and I do not believe that the process was very well communicated from the beginning. I believe that both the noise and the aesthetics of the area need to be preserved and that there are ways to accomplish both. The site should not be visible from the road and the effort to provide cover from the road should accommodate noise reduction on the inside of that cover. There are many ways to reduce the noise if someone was really committed to the local community which this site has not shown since its inception or it would not look like it does. This is the kind of site one would expect at an industrial park not a neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Peter Chenard

Mr. Srinivasan,

Here is my response to your letter asking for feed back from the Glastonbury community concerning the fuel cell at Hebron Av. / Chalker Hill Rd.

- 1.) I have never been notified by anyone concerning the fuel cell. The first I was aware of it was in January of this year when site work commenced at the fuel cell. In February of 2015 I called the Glastonbury police dept. to ask what was going on and they told me they did not know anything about it.
- 2.) I attended the meeting at the fuel cell with Richard Johnson and members of Glastonbury Beautification Committee and a meeting at the town hall where the town approved the landscaping plan they would present to the CT Siting Council and a request for noise monitoring.
- 3.) I live 1/4 mile from the fuel cell at 24 Howe Road. The affect on my community has been:
  - a.) Real estate prices have been driven downward by this monstrosity.
  - b.) The bucolic nature of the area has been adversely affected by this eyesore.
  - c.) Until the fuel cell is on line, we will not know if noise pollution will be an issue. That is why noise monitoring is a must for this project.
- 4.) The landscaping plan approved and submitted by the town of Glastonbury would be an improvement. Noise monitoring MUST be part of any improvement.
- 5.) Trust, what trust. The project was started in the dead of winter so to fly under the radar for as long as possible. The fact that UIL had the Siting Council veto the town's landscaping plan AND any noise monitoring on site shows that they could care less about the town of Glastonbury or its residents. Also, recently UIL came under fire for severely underestimating the cost to clean up one of their old plants in the New Haven area. This story was on the front page of the Courant 2 months ago. The only way for UIL to win any trust from me is to tear the fuel cell down and restore the land to its previous appearance.

Finally, I would like to thank you for taking interest in this cause. Unfortunately, our town council has done NOTHING for the town on this issue. Chip Beckett was on the town council in 2008 when the Siting Council asked the town for feedback on this issue. The town council said nothing. Now Mr. Beckett says that the town of Glastonbury "has been had" by UIL / Siting Council. Yes, we have been had, by a town council that did nothing in 2008 when this project could have been stopped dead in its tracks. All that is left for our town council members is for tough talking political posturing which does nothing to solve this problem.

Sincerely,

Arthur Clarke  
24 Howe Road  
Glastonbury, CT 06033-1704

First I'd like to say that I have voted for you from the beginning at every election, and I plan on doing so again.

1. Have you received ample notification throughout the fuel cell construction process?

No. Our first indication was a letter from the town with a question about how the "Fuel Cell Sampling station" would be taxed. A sampling station implies something small, and I was not concerned about how it would be taxed (it was confusing the way it was worded), so I did nothing. I was notified of a "tour" (which did not happen - we stood outside the plant and heard the fairly arrogant officials talk about how the structure could not be covered, could not be painted, etc.) I asked them how much the thing cost and was told I was not allowed that information. We were asked to submit ideas for landscaping, etc. I wrote a lengthy email, sent it to Richard Johnson, asking at least for a reply (which I did not get). Next notification was for a meeting to talk about a landscaping proposal (included). The plan looked decent, so I did not go to the meeting, (feeling disenfranchised after spending an hour or 2 myself on a proposal that I had no reason to believe was even read).

2. Were you involved in the decision making regarding the landscape plan and noise studies?

No, although presumably at the meeting which I did not attend I may have been able to voice my opinion on the landscaping proposal. Noise studies were nothing that I was ever asked about.

3. If you live in the surrounding community, how has your home and family been affected?

I live within 500 feet (3rd house on the bottom of Stanley on the right). So I was notified, but many people outside that range were ignored.

For 3-5 days in mid-August we experienced the smell of natural gas so strongly that I called CNG once and 911 once. I got better response from 911. I was told it was only the Mercaptan I was smelling and that it was not actually gas. Having been trained for for 50 years that that smell is very dangerous, it was hard to ignore it. Plus how would one have recognized a gas leak in their house if it happened during that period of 3-5 days when we smelled it so strongly?

I don't feel exactly safe being near this plant. I believe that it is an experimental pilot plant. Yes, fuel cells are a proven technology. But hooking them up to a gas pressure station in such a fashion is another thing entirely (Natural Gas, Oxygen, Hydrogen, and electricity seem to me to be a lethal combination - remember the Gas plant that blew up in Middletown a few years ago?) My theory is (somewhat) proven by the fact that since the mid August debacle of Mercaptan release, there has been a crew of at least 15-20 people working there 6 days a week. There are 4 porta-potties on the CNG side. Most of workers have been working on the CNG side, although recently a new (large) structure was built at the rear of the fuel cell plant. Note that during our meeting at the plant in June, they expected to be operational in July.

It's my belief that this is being engineered "on the fly" - and that is why I have no trust and no faith at all in the parties involved, whether they be Glastonbury Town or "EverSource".

The number of cars parked there is a problem. I have to drive down the middle of the road every morning on my way to work. I have to run and walk in the road when I walk or run to the trail that goes up Hebron Ave. I fear for both my safety and the safety of the workers.

I feel that my property value has gone down.

4. What would you like to see done to improve the property?

I proposed building a barn like "false front" (no back side), with removable panels in the front, similar to what they do for cell phone or other equipment placed in what is a residential area.

if you would like I can forward the email I sent to Richard Johnson (the one I never got a response from).

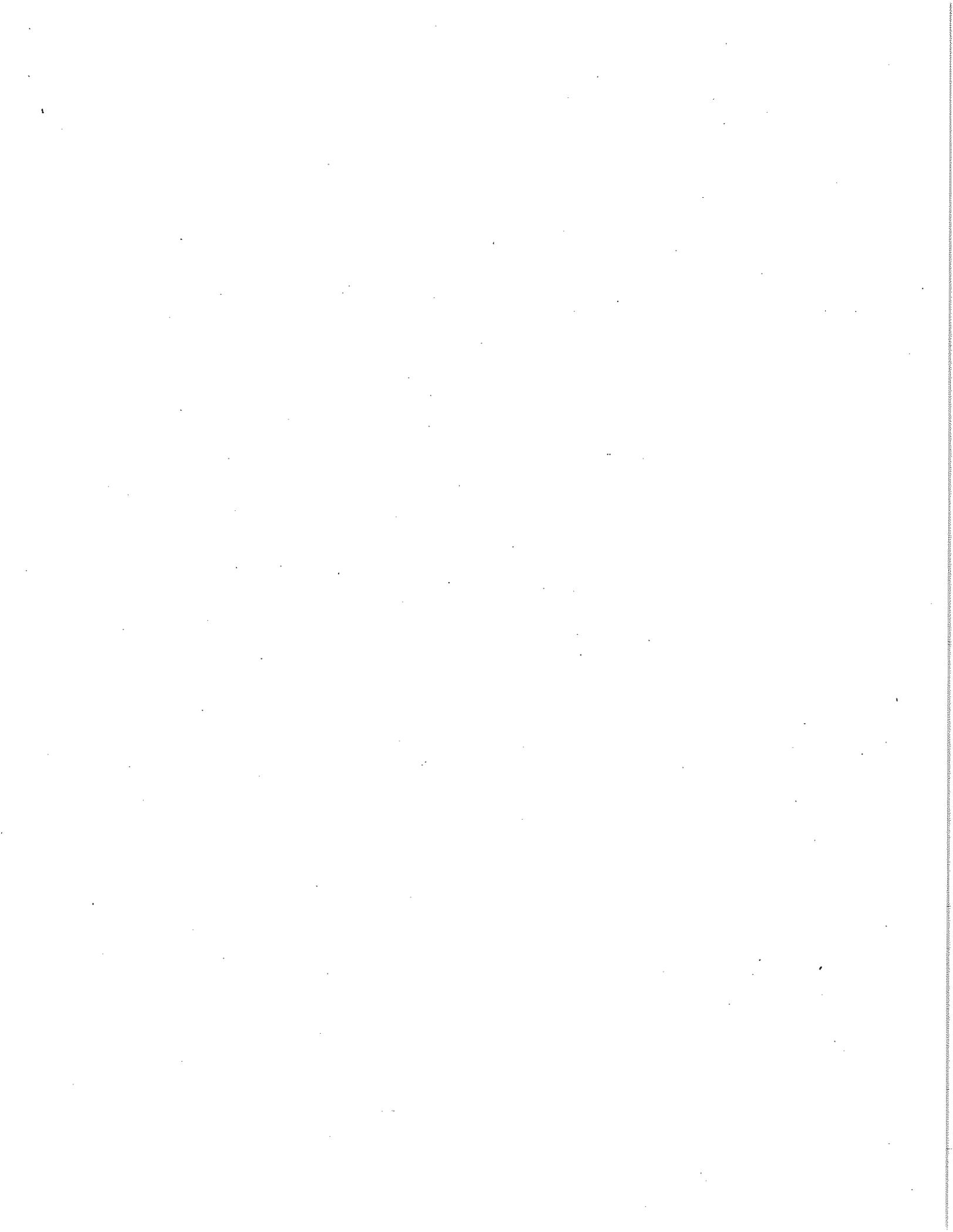
If I wanted to build a brewery or other industrial facility at that location, would I have been allowed?

5. How can UIL win back your trust?

Be honest! There has been an attempt from the beginning to ram this thing through, to hide from people what it actually is. There has never been a sign out front of it, ever.

Thanks for your interest in this "problem!" - I am available at anytime to talk on the phone or via email about this subject.

Bill and Maria Appell  
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860-338-4872



Dear Representative Srinivasan-

I have already sent you several letters/editorials that I have written during the course of this project, the most recent of which was to the Robert Stein, the Chairman of the Siting Council. That being said, I want to answer the specific questions you asked:

**1. Have you received ample notification throughout the fuel cell construction process?**

Absolutely not! From the time digging started in early 2015 until now, UIL and the Siting Council have provided no information to residents about what was being built, its size and scope, the expected timeline for construction, the start date, the expected noise level, its safety, etc. They have not reached out to Glastonbury residents for input or public comment on this project although it is a massive structure that is a complete mis-match to the surrounding community. It is also the first fuel cell of its kind in CT to tap a natural gas line and that should have prompted extensive communication, explanation and outreach. Residents have been proactive in seeking information once they noticed 6 day/week construction of a very large, ugly structure. We called the police, the Town Council, the Town Manager and the local newspaper. Everything we have learned has come from 3rd party sources.

We have been told that the Siting Council has sole jurisdiction over this project. Who they are, how and when they make decisions is a mystery. For example, after it was discovered in 2015 that the fuel cell was not located at the site per its 2009 proposal, the Siting Council approved a UIL modification request on 5/28/15. When I question this, I was told that the Siting Council took several factors into consideration including "members of the public who submitted written statements". The residents of Glastonbury were totally in the dark about the UIL modification request and its approval. We had no way of knowing we could influence the outcome with written statements or we would have provided them and appeared in person. It is another example of a closed process lacking transparency and community input. This is when the project should have been stopped.

**2. Were you involved in the decision making regarding the landscape plan and noise studies?**

Involved in the landscaping plan drafted by the Town of Glastonbury and its recommendation for 18- months of active noise monitoring once the fuel cell is operational. Both recommendations have been rejected by the Siting Council.

My input input was sought after Richard Johnson held a meeting at the site. Representatives from UIL and the Siting Council were not present. We expressed our outrage and frustration and identified several key concerns:

- \* the need to hide the site
- \* the fear of increased noise
- \* work site noise and traffic congestion
- \* questions about safety

The town solicited my input in development of a landscaping plan since we had no confidence in the UI plan. Impacted town residents provided input and reviewed the Town Beautification Committee's plan. That plan was submitted to the Siting Council and has been rejected with no explanation or rationale.

We also commented that the look and feel was industrial and unacceptable and wanted a better camouflage than a chain link fence. We came up with many camouflage ideas, but the only accommodation that has been made is the substitution of a black vinyl covering for the metal fence. However, what was not part of the recommendation or our understanding of the fence was the barbed wire that now adorns the top. To talk about choosing a camouflage color is like asking us to choose make-up for a rhinoceros.

I noticed today that the "extender" is much bigger than expected and is housed in a 2 story approximately 20 foot high enclosure (erected in 3 days). Could we not have created a larger enclosure for the entire fuel cell providing better camouflage and noise containment? The problem is that we are never talking to the decision makers and we are seeing the damage after it is done. We had no input to the noise studies conducted by consultants who "modeled" the noise of a fuel cell. I have no confidence in their numbers. We have to know how this fuel cell performs in this location. Two other points about noise. To say the fuel cell will operate between 41-43 decibels is not cumulative with other ambient noise in the area. It also doesn't address the pitch. If the pitch is uniquely different from other surrounding sounds it will be very obvious.

### **3. How has your home and family been affected if you live in the surrounding community?**

I do live in the do surrounding community. I am frustrated and very worried about the noise level and am always upset when I look at this incredible eyesore that has disrupted my quality of life.

#### **High Stress**

I walk past this site every day, and although walking is usually a good way to reduce stress, I am always angry after my walk. THIS SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED. THE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN REJECTED AND WORK SHOULD HAVE STOPPED!

I have been listening to constant back-up beeping throughout the day 6 days/week for more than 8 months. I live more than 1/4 mile from the site and have tree protection, but it is still very loud. As a result, I have not enjoyed outdoor activities in the vicinity of the fuel cell this summer - gardening, walking, etc.

I look at 10-20 contractor vehicles parked on both sides of Chalker Hill Road each day.

#### **Loss of home value**

This is already happening. Several homes have gone on the market and have had to drop prices. They still haven't sold. People don't want to move into a neighborhood near the fuel cell. The quality of life for us has been irreparably compromised. I have lived here for 20+ years. I love my house and my surrounding woodlands. I am now talking about moving.

#### 4. What would you like to see done to improve the property?

Best case - get rid of it entirely and locate it in more industrial surroundings

At minimum, Adopt the Town of Glastonbury landscaping plan and noise monitoring recommendations

Remove the barbed wire that tops the fencing

Recommend expanding the housing used for the "extender" around the entire fuel cell concrete pad for better camouflage and noise reduction. I think this really needs to be considered and explored.

Ask UIL to commit to reimburse homeowners the difference between the selling price and the appraised value of their home for impacted residents that feel they have to sell to regain their quality of life.

Ask UIL and the Siting Council meet with impacted residents for ongoing Informational and problem solving meetings quarterly during the first 18 months. Representatives from both UIL and the Siting Council should have decision making authority their quality of life lost by the fuel cell

Restrict the power of the Siting Council going forward. This has been a disaster.

Have Town of Glastonbury Town Council representation at every Siting Council meeting -

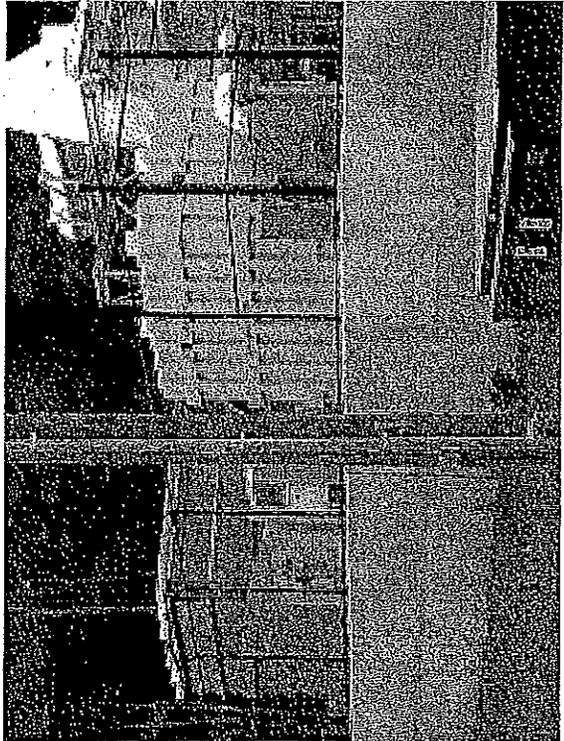
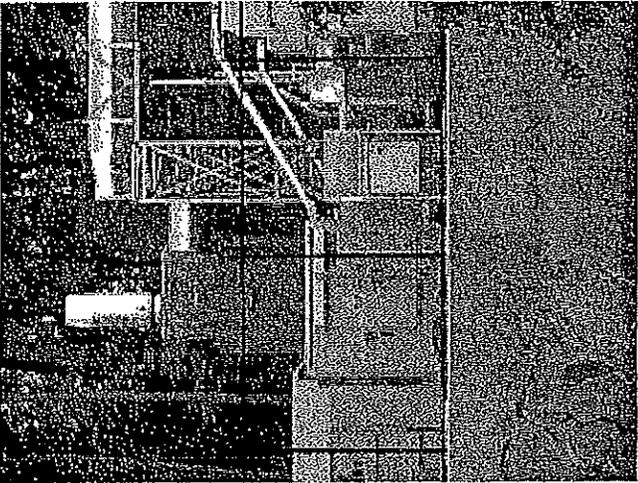
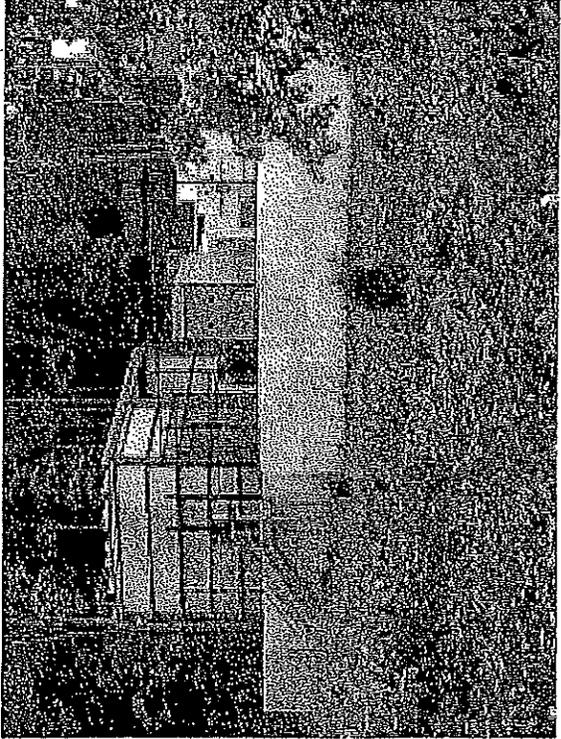
Town Council to take a more proactive stance in heading off initiatives that don't make sense for our town. Have the courage to challenge the Siting Council.

Publish all Siting Council future meeting schedule and agendas on Glastonbury website

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Clarke

Glastonbury resident living near the fuel cell



Dear Rep. Prasad Srinivasan,

10/16/2015

With regard to the fuel cell site location I concur with the letter you and your fellow legislators sent to the Siting Council. From the town's perspective the de minimus changes were major. When I first drove by the facility my reaction was "what the heck is that!" Even from a purely technical perspective the co-location of the turbo expander and support infrastructure with the fuel cell components seems major to me. The shift of the project 55 feet to the north due to the increased size of the plant structure created a major visual issue for the town. It amounted to plunking down an industrial site in the midst of a residential area. In my opinion the town should have been informed of the revisions to the site plan so it could provide appropriate input before the Siting Council determined the changes were de minimus and certainly before they were unilaterally initiated. The other puzzling aspect to the revisions is why didn't the need to expand the gate station buildings and the discovery of the Algonquin easement which precipitated the changes occur much earlier in the planning process which apparently goes back as far as 2009. It is hard for me to imagine that the various officials responsible for siting and building the fuel cell complex would find it appropriate to similarly site it for their own neighborhood or town. The least they can do is make sure the site is restored and landscaped as much as possible to mitigate how grotesque it currently appears.

William Contois



147 Riverview Road

David Gonci and Noreen Cullen  
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Glastonbury, CT 06033

October 9, 2015

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Also, please note that the construction project was done 30 feet away from what had been promised.

I believe:

- UIL should take accountability by incurring the cost of landscape restoration and finding a solution to alleviate the increased traffic noise from Hebron Avenue. This financial burden should not be left up to taxpayers.
- UIL should plant trees as part of landscape restoration. On page 12 of the October 6 letter, the Siting Council stated that trees "would serve little purpose." We disagree. These trees would not only block the increased traffic noise from Hebron Avenue, but they would serve as environmental and aesthetic restoration, turning the ugly into the somewhat tolerable.

We need UIL to step up and take accountability for the damage done to our once quaint and quiet neighborhood. This project is a travesty of the democratic process and wholly unwelcome.

Regards,

David Gonci and Noreen Cullen

Have you received ample notification throughout the fuel cell construction process?

No, we found out about it well after the fact. We don't live in the immediate area, but go by there frequently when we are doing errands and playing about town.

Were you involved in the decision making regarding the landscape plan and noise studies?

No

If you live in the surrounding community, how has your home and family been affected?

We live on Chestnut Hill Rd, but go by there frequently. It is a true eyesore, and needs to be addressed.

• What would you like to see done to improve the property?

I feel terrible for people who have to live in close proximity to the site, since I live a few miles away, but it still bothers me. Ideally, they'd move it, but they at least need to blend it into the landscape and they need to do more to make residents feel it is safe. It looks intimidating, and dangerous, and I would be afraid to have it nearer to my home.

How can UIL win back your trust?

Fix the darn thing, provide proof that it poses no long term dangers to those close by, and compensate nearby homeowners and business owners for the unprofessional way this thing was sited and built.

We would love to acquire at least 200 letters prior to our upcoming meeting, but any amount will help. They will be copied and given to UIL and CT Siting Council officials. I assure you that your letters will make a difference.

Prasad,

You continue to do a great job, and we admire how you reach out to your constituents and make involvement easy. Keep up the great work, you have our support!

Donna and Jack Cupka, 646 Chestnut Hill Rd

Carole and Phil Edwards  
1794 Chalker Hill  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

October 13, 2015

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1956 Chalker Hill  
Glastonbury

Fuel Cell

It is my understanding from my neighbor that you were looking for feedback from people on the street about the Fuel Cell project.

We were never notified about this project from the beginning to even now outside of the news and what the town reports.

It does take away from the beautiful country side feeling that we had, which was why we moved to our location. But my biggest concern is that I have no idea what damages this could potentially have should there be any explosions or whatever else could happen. I have no idea of what potential dangers are associated with this project now or in the future.

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Dear Representative Srinivasan,

Thank you for your email and organizing effort.

I live in East Glastonbury but not proximate to the fuel cell.

This project is clearly inappropriate to the location and would never have been developed in this fashion if there was a "normal" process of local review, consideration, and approval. This is an industrial development in a residential section.

The town's "beautification" proposal was entirely reasonable and the Connecticut Siting Council and UI continue to show disregard for common sense and our community.

There should be new legislation to make the Siting Council more accountable and more reasonable. The legislature should enact remedies for injured persons such as the resident across the street who is trying to sell his property. The town should continue to pursue legal remedies. UI should change its behavior.

We should make sure this never happens again and take reasonable steps to monitor this industrial site and to remedy the impacts to the neighborhood and users of Hebron Avenue.

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Room 4200, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Here are the objections to the cell fuel project on Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury

1. No effort has been taken to explain the benefit, if there is any, of this facility.
2. No detail has been put forth as to the technology, hence a valuable learning experience has been lost.
3. The siting aside, it is an ungainly and inappropriate structure situated next to a conservation tract.
4. It could be concealed by enclosing it in a barn like steel structure, which, if you believe the advertising, would be quite inexpensive.
5. The fact that many vehicles surround the site still, after all this time, indicates a total lack of preparedness and competence.
6. This in turn convinces the people of Glastonbury that the fuel cell is as foolish as the boat house.
7. Whose bright idea was this, anyway? It came out of nowhere, probably in a back room.
8. Somebody has to be making a bundle. Who is it?
9. The citizens of this state will pay in the form of higher gas or electrical rates.
10. And while we are at it, how does solar energy play into the entire picture?
11. A pile of money misspent, no matter if by CNG, is just another straw to help break the economic back of this state.
12. Call the fuel cell project what it is -- an experiment. We in this town do not like being the guinea pigs.

James W. Honiss

Dear Prasad,

Thank you for taking the lead in trying to resolve the Chalker Hill mess. The sitting council is apparently beyond any control by or concern for the public.

I received no information on this eye sore and unnecessary boondoggle. Neither do I know of any effort to involve Glastonbury residents or even the Town authorities in the planning process. For some incredible reason these people are not responsible to anyone save themselves and care nothing for the consequences of their actions on Glastonbury residents, a position clearly supported by UIL. The structure of the sitting council should be revised to force some sort of accountability, UIL should apologize and promptly replace their top management and ... the the pile of tanks, pipes and exhaust stacks defacing Chalker Hill should be torn down and hauled off at UIL's expense.

Sincerely,

Richard Inman  
155 South Mill Drive

Dear Prasad,

I really appreciate, like rest of the neighborhood, for taking interest in this fuel cell project. I did write to you few months ago but in vain.

This hideous project so far has blind sided the whole neighborhood and raises several questions.

1. If the town knew about this project since 2009 why we the citizen, weren't informed until we raised the issue.
2. Did the state representative from the area know about this project and when? If they did then why the citizen were totally ignored by them who voted them in in the first place.
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5. Its a grave concern that our property values have plummeted and what UIL is offering for the compensation?
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7. Noise and pollution is a grave concern and the claim by the UIL that "it will be no more than noise of a lawn mower" sound a bit hilarious.

Neighbors are angry, worried and concerned about the inaptness of the town and the state. We feel totally ignored, deceived and betrayed.  
Falling property values remain equally a grave concern.

Respectfully

Hira C Jain MD, MRCPsych ( London )

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Jason Kass

Dear Rep. Srinivasan,

I live in East Glastonbury and drive by the intersection of Chalker Hill and Hebron Ave every day. When they started building the fuel cell I wondered what was going on. I was not the only one, I saw numerous people on social media asking what was being built. It seems to me, now that the monster is finished, the community should have been notified before any work began.

As I learned what it was and saw it's size grow and grow, I became aware of many issues through our local paper, The Citizen. Not only is it an ugly eyesore but neighbors are going to have to deal with noise. How could this happen? How can a community have no right to be part of the planning process?

Forget that the cell was built too close to the road. There should be something hiding it from view. I'd love to see a barn structure if it can be enclosed. If it must remain in the open air then something must be put around it, some nice fencing then greenery planted to grow over the years. Painting it is not going to help and just planting will mean we have to wait 25 years before it starts to be hidden.

UIL must do what is right by the home owners in Glastonbury. We live in this town with strict zoning for a reason.

Sincerely,  
Tricia Kearney

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Hello Prasad. I reside at 1968 Chalker Hill and did not have any knowledge of the fuel cell. No plans were discussed with us about the implementation of the site. This site has created a lot of talk throughout the neighborhood and no one seems to know what it is. There has been a huge amount of traffic and it has certainly become the eyesore of the town. It has definitely impacted the value of the neighborhood. Is there some sort of facade that can be placed over the site to make it not look like a factory? I would like to see the residents receive some sort of benefit such as sewers or water? MDC just built a new watershed on our street as well but no one on the street receives the benefit of water? As always thank you so much for all that you do and your support. I can be reached at (860)966-4843 if you have any questions. Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Ken Keeney

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Dear Rep.Srinivasan:

I was not aware the fuel cell was being built 2 blocks from my home. I was never informed or consulted. The structure itself is a horrible eyesore and is inappropriately placed at the edge of a beautiful residential neighborhood. I believe this will have a deleterious effect on property values. I don't know how this was foisted on this neighborhood without discussion. I would be in favor of tearing it down. Short of that there should be landscaping around it with tall evergreen trees and noise abating wall. Thank you for addressing this concern. Sincerely,

Richard Ketal, 12 Tanglewood Dr., Glastonbury, CT 06033

Dear Prasad -

As usual, you are on top of all issues affecting Glastonbury! I would like to add my 2¢ to your pile of letters.

Every time I drive by the corner of Hebron & Chalker Hill, I am struck by how absolutely ugly it has become - the ugliest spot in town. I count my blessings in not owning property anywhere nearby, as the property value there has most certainly been lowered.

I have read in the Glastonbury Citizen that a reasonable remedy including 123 trees to be planted has been altered by the Siting Council to just 5 trees!!!! The Siting Council is obviously in bed with UIL - a negligent company at best. If the ordinary person violated zoning directives the way UIL has done, the ordinary person would be held to the original directives with no leniency whatsoever.

Both UIL and the Siting Council should be investigated with regard to bribery and corruption. When it is found, it should be prosecuted to the nth degree.

I am attaching an aerial photo of the UIL Fuel Cell site before it was butchered. The site should be restored as close as possible to that former appearance.

Marilyn Lawson



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Dear Dr. Srinivasan,

Thank you for trying to help the residents of Glastonbury that are affected by the new, hideous, Fuel Cell.

My family and I live out Hebron Avenue and pass by the new fuel cell on average 6 times a day. Each time I pass it infuriates me that what used to be beautiful woods is now an ugly, smelly, monstrosity. We would like to see proper landscaping put in in, which would include pine trees or other trees that would block the view all year and not just during the summer months. As part of the planting, I feel they should be required to put in larger, full size trees that it block the cell right away (and not the usual smaller planting size, that would take 10-20 years to fill in). I also feel that the cell should not be visible from Hebron Avenue at all, so the planting must be done in a way that blocks the view, while still keeping the intersection safe.

Thank you for your time and effort!

Noraleen LeClaire

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Glastonbury, CT 06033  
(860)633-2558

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Dear Rep. Srinivasan - I welcome this chance to comment on the fuel cell that was plopped down in the middle of my neighborhood. We were given no notice that this construction was about to happen and we were shocked to suddenly see this ugly industrial building in the middle of the neighborhood and across from the MDC woods. I am very concerned about what the noise will be like once it starts running. I understand that the building was misplaced and that the Siting Council has refused the town's proposals for landscaping. I don't understand this heavy handed approach that is not taking into consideration the people who will have to live next to and drive by it every day. Why is the Siting Council allowed a free hand to do anything it wants to do without consultation with the town and even simple notification to the neighborhood?

Sincerely,  
Laura Levine  
12 Tanglewood Dr.

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Kathleen McGuire

Dear Rep. Srinivasan,

I write on behalf of the citizens of Glastonbury, Connecticut as a concerned resident and homeowner. The recently installed fuel cell has proven to be a troubling new addition to the landscape of Glastonbury. There has been an apparent dearth of adequate information as to what it does and why necessary, and what the environmental and health impacts might be, both in the long and short terms. What I do know in nothing but certain terms is that the fuel cell is an unsightly blight upon the fabric of Glastonbury and though much mind may have been paid to its technical fabrication none whatsoever was paid to any aesthetic consideration.

I can settle disputes and live in harmony with my neighbors just fine but a nameless and faceless corporation or utility proves to be a most uninvited guest. Additionally, I am quite certain as to the source of a putrid and caustic odor that was born anew upon fuel cell completion.

As in most things, context deserves mindful consideration, so we must bear in mind where it is this fuel cell resides; an otherwise quaint and comely residential neighborhood. Was there no other possible location?

Perhaps elsewhere, preserving the sanctity of a tight knit neighborhood and fulfilling its utilitarian purpose?

Thank you for addressing the concerns of our community, Rep. Srinivasan. It is tremendously appreciated!

Sincerely,  
Tom Monaghan

Dear Representative Srinivasan,

Contrary to the themes outlined in Mr. Stein's October 6 letter about the fuel cell, residents have been uninformed, voiceless and powerless since this proposal was initiated. At no point have we been part of the discussion or decision-making process surrounding construction of the fuel cell in our neighborhood at the corner of Chalker Hill Road and Hebron Avenue in Glastonbury. Our feedback was never sought, let alone considered and any information we got was the result of investigation on our parts and discussion amongst ourselves.

The first time residents were made aware of the potential of the fuel cell project was in the fall of 2014, when the "Glastonbury Citizen" ran a brief article stating that the Town Council had denied UIL's request for tax abatement to build the fuel cell. A few months later, in the dead of winter, we noticed that all of the trees on the beautiful, heavily wooded corner of Chalker Hill Road and Hebron Avenue were being cut down. Different residents made calls to various town offices before learning that construction of the fuel cell was commencing on that spot. Since then, noisy and intrusive construction has been going on six days a week starting at 7AM. Vehicles parked along both sides of Chalker Hill Road make exiting and entering our neighborhood dangerous and have killed the vegetation on which they have been parking.

Residents are livid about the lack of transparency surrounding the project. At no point since the proposal was initiated in 2009 has a public meeting been held to inform residents of the project. There is still not even so much as a sign on the site. We are very concerned about how the fuel cell's location will affect our property values and how our quality of life in this pleasant, rural residential area will be affected by the noise from the fuel cell. In addition, residents are horrified at the ugly monstrosity on the corner and the fact that so many trees were killed to make way for it. It is not only an eyesore for those of us who live in the Chalker Hill neighborhood, but also for every single person who must drive by it.

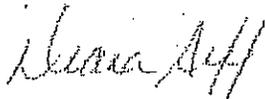
Residents cannot understand how the developer was permitted to construct the fuel cell in a different location than the Siting Council approved without first going back to the Siting Council for approval of the new building site. Had that been done, instead of the Siting Council retroactively approving the change, residents may have had a chance to weigh in on the matter. We are frustrated at the pathetic landscaping "plan" approved by the Siting Council. The Siting Council, UIL and Fuel Cell Energy missed an important opportunity to be "good neighbors" when they decided not to adopt the landscape plan submitted by the town of Glastonbury and instead put forth the anemic plan that the Siting Council approved.

Another point of contention is the refusal to require ongoing noise studies once the fuel cell is operational. The removal of so many trees on that corner has already resulted in a tremendous increase in the amount of road noise that

reaches Chalker Hill Road from Hebron Avenue. The 2015 noise study was made AFTER the trees were removed, resulting in louder ambient noise than was there before construction began, so it is not an accurate portrayal of how much sound the fuel cell will add to our residential environment. Additionally, the natural gas pumping station has been louder recently than residents ever remember it being as it has to work harder to pump the volume of gas the fuel cell requires. There is understandable concern that the increased noise from that pumping station and traffic was not factored into the noise studies that the Siting Council based its approval on. If noise is not going to be an issue, as UIL and Fuel Cell Energy insist, then why are they afraid of having a noise study done when the cell is running?

This entire process has been completely opaque and residents have lost trust in the Siting Council, UIL and Fuel Cell Energy. We do not believe their assurances that the fuel cell will not be loud and do not accept the bare bones "landscaping plan" recently approved. The Town's requests are reasonable and if the Siting Council does not have the "authority" to require UIL to plant beyond the site lines, UIL should agree to use the Town's landscaping plan as a gesture of good faith. AT the very least, UIL should be required by the Siting Council to plant at LEAST as many trees as were removed to make way for construction.

Respectfully,



235 Stanley Drive, Glastonbury, CT



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The siting council should be required to go through the same process as any business does in town when it plans to build a structure. It should fit the Town's master plan, be consistent with the zoning for the proposed structure and gain the approval of the Town Planning and Zoning board. This is not Russia or some totalitarian country where some bureau can do as it wishes with no regard for the citizens.

The current siting process is absurd. How did this happen? Was it approved by our legislatures at the state level?

Richard Nicholas

Good afternoon

I am sending this email regarding the fuel cell that was constructed and built in Hebron Ave, Glastonbury.

Aside from being a hideous monstrosity, I feel as though there should have been more input from the general public. I think the town should have given ample notification to residents surrounding that area. They should have been given information about what would happen to property values when the fuel cell was completed.

It's also my understanding that when it is fully operational that there will a low dull humming noise omitting from facility. Once again decreasing the property values.

It is the towns responsibility to rectify the mess they made. Since the town seems to not want to remove the mess, they can at least cover it up with some appropriate landscaping.

Please try to address these issues

Thanks

Tracey OBrien

Rep. Srinivasan,

Thank you for holding the two meetings on the Hebron Ave Fuel Cell property. I am very sympathetic to the immediate neighbors' concerns about the Town Council's failure to investigate and hold a hearing early in the planning process. The equipment on this site at Chalker Hill Rd. and Hebron Ave. is much larger and more imposing than any Glastonbury Council Members or Residents expected, and is not hidden among trees. I do hope that the facility at least provides residents along Chalker Hill Rd. with Electricity that will not fail when storms come, so that they will not have to go for days or weeks without their well water pumps working. I recall that this was a Problem after the storm in October of 2011.

I was glad to have an opportunity to express my health concern about the offer UIL made to put in 30 Arborvitae around the fuel cell. Arborvitae produce excessive amounts of allergens in the spring, and this could become a health concern for many for miles around. I requested that these plants be limited in number and other trees be considered wherever possible. White pines and white fir trees were both suggested.

I was glad to hear that the Town of Glastonbury is negotiating alternate landscaping plans. I hope they have some success. The Town of Glastonbury has done excellent work in beautification through landscaping in the past.

Sincerely,  
Betty Olson

October 8, 2015

Dear Representative Srinivasan,

Hello, my name is Melissa Passarello. I have been a homeowner on Chalker Hill since 2009, directly across from the fuel cell site. One of my neighbors forwarded me your information to reach Representative Srinivasan. I have been involved with Richard Johnson, and other residents, since the fuel cell construction began. I was also part of the landscape proposal discussions.

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Please let me know if you need any further assistance or information.

Regards,

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Melissa Pericolosi  
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Jeanee Rubano  
44 Charlton Drive  
South Glastonbury, CT 06073

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October 9, 2015

The purpose of this letter is to again voice my strong objection to the Chalker Hill/Hebron Avenue Fuel Cell:

In the past months, I have written to the Siting Council and to the Town Manager. I have walked throughout this neighborhood twice, taping notices on mailboxes to notify people about the upcoming Town Meeting and later about the meeting at the Fuel Cell site. I attended both of these meetings.

I live about one mile from this monstrosity. It never should have been built in this residential neighborhood. I still feel it should be torn down. It was built piece by piece. It can be removed piece by piece. The on-going nightmare of numerous construction vehicles presents a dangerous situation. Often, over the months, there have been huge trucks occupying the exit side of Chalker Hill, thus requiring cars to drive in the on-coming lane, a curve which renders that travel blind and risky. On three occasions I was almost backed into by these enormous trucks. Traffic control personnel are not always present. We had been asked for input about landscaping. That proved to be rejected by UI and the Siting Council. Noise studies were planned and that too seems to be rejected.

I sincerely feel the Siting Council does not care about our residential neighborhood and question their right to make such an horrendous decision. Isn't this a democracy? I also question why our Town Council didn't thoroughly investigate this in 2009, when they first heard about it. It simply isn't acceptable for the Town to say they had no voice in the decision. Aren't they supposed to look out for the welfare of the Town residents?

Thank you for your interest in this issue,

Ann Patrick Rudolph

11 Tanglewood Drive, Glastonbury

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I am a home owner on Hurlburt St. I moved here 6 years ago - I knew nothing about this fuel cell until it was being built. I do not know the purpose of this so I can not comment on what/how this will affect the neighborhood. The fence was supposed to be a fix .....what kind of fix??!! Possibly if large trees and bushes were planted to hide this, I think that might help with the appearance of this eye sore in our neighborhood.

Cindy Rustad

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Jill Shapiro  
44 Summit Crest Drive  
South Glastonbury, CT 06073

You may want to pursue future replacement plan for agreed upon landscaping. Fugitive methane escapes and other emissions may prematurely kill landscaping. Am sending you an article in another email.

Jen Siskind

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We think that this fuel cell project is ridiculous from the beginning to what will probably be a disastrously noisy end. First of all, it is un-American to not give neighbors the right to refuse such a project. Citizens should have the right to approve or disapprove of projects that will affect their surroundings and their property values. This fuel cell is very unattractive and promises have been broken by UIL to make it (if this is possible) blend into the surroundings in a more appropriate way. It is just not something that can be ignored when you turn go down Hebron Avenue or worse yet, go up Chalker Hill Road.

What is more confounding is that we in this area will not even benefit from the electricity generated by this fuel cell. We have been annoyed by trucks and many other vehicles parked close to this fuel cell. They leave cones in the middle of the road for apparently no reason at all. My husband almost was in an accident with a vehicle that pulled out in front of him when he drove down Chalker Hill Road. To make it worse the driver of the vehicle gave him an obscene gesture when my husband beeped his horn at him.

I would be happy if we could take this fuel cell apart and forget it ever happened.

Ray and Gayle Whitmore  
329 Stanley Drive

Dear Dr. Srinivasan,

I am writing to you regarding the Hebron Ave/Chalker Hill Fuel Cell.

My daughter, son in law and infant granddaughter live on Stanley Drive, so I am in the neighborhood several times a week. I myself, live in South Glastonbury.

I have been a resident in this town since 1975 and have appreciated the way Glastonbury has always maintained certain standards with regards to how any new construction would affect the residents, the landscape, and the community in general.

For years, the town has stopped the installation of cell phone towers in South Glastonbury because they would be "esthetically displeasing".

How this hideous, monstrosity (the fuel cell) was constructed with no notification, no information, nothing in the Citizen, and apparently no input from town residents and most importantly, residents right in that neighborhood, is beyond me.

On numerous occasions, the smell of natural gas is prevalent out in the "fresh air". My daughter has had to call the gas company a number of times and was told this would be a regular occurrence.

To me, that is very worrisome !!

Who wants to go for a nice walk or let your children play outside, and have to smell natural gas??

What IS the fuel cell??? What does it do???... And who is UIL??

I think it should be removed!!

Shame on whoever gave the "go ahead" without even informing or asking the opinion of those most affected!

Sincerely,  
Barbara L. Williams  
860-593-0673

Diana L. Wind  
101 Hurlburt Street  
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Prasad,

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Thanks for asking.

Sincerely,

Ralph Wood,  
Your Neighbor on Grandview Drive

Andrea Yelle  
[andrea@andreayelle.com](mailto:andrea@andreayelle.com)  
457 Stanley Drive  
Glastonbury

Fuel Cell Site

Dear Dr. Srinivasan:

I read in the Glastonbury Citizen that you were looking for letters regarding the fuel cell site.

I am a resident of 457 Stanley Drive, and we bought our house in 2009. Even though I did a fair amount of research on the area before moving here from California, I never read anything about a fuel cell being built in our neighborhood nor did our realtor disclose it. There certainly were no signs at the location explaining anything. I definitely would have thought twice before buying a home on our street, and I do believe it has impacted our property values.

I feel that it heavily detracts from the area, and no landscaping will solve that. In addition, the construction was frustrating, and we were given no warning to that. In fact, the police officers seemed vigilant at policing that area, when up the street at the corner of Hurlburt and Stanley Drive, cars blow through the stop sign daily in front of children at the bus stop and no one says a word. It just seems like someone gave major priority to this site, without much care given to the nearby community. I was pulled over by an officer who said I was speeding one day past the site - I was traveling below the speed limit at 34 miles an hour, but the officer informed me that because it was a construction zone, I was considered speeding (speed limit 25?) and given a warning. I did not see any signs posted. In general it has just been frustrating.

I am shocked how the neighborhood has been treated during this construction, and imagine it will be more of the same. I am not looking forward to the day we have to try to sell our house with a power plant nearby.

Thanks for taking our needs into consideration.

Andrea Yelle