



M. Jodi Rell

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

April 14, 2010

Timothy M. Herbst
First Selectman
Town of Trumbull
5866 Main Street
Trumbull, CT 06611

Dear First Selectman Herbst:

I appreciate your recent meeting with my staff to discuss concerns that have been raised about FuelCell Energy's proposed power plant facility siting at 2183 Huntington Turnpike in Trumbull. It is clear that the legislative delegation and neighboring Trumbull residents have legitimate concerns regarding the possible fuel cell facility siting in this residential area and in such close proximity to schools.

On Monday, April 12th, I had the opportunity to personally tour the site. As a result, I agree that this proposed site placement in the historic Nichols residential neighborhood is inappropriate given environmental concerns. That this facility would depend on high-pressure natural gas flowing through 50-year-old pipes is troubling, to say the least. That no comparable fuel cell facility of this size exists to assuage rational fears in light of the recent and tragic power plant explosion in Middletown is unfortunate. That alternative sites in less proximity to our children's schools and citizens' homes exist, however, is a certainty.

I offer the Department of Economic and Community Development to work with you to find a more suitable location for the fuel cell facility. For instance, an industrial space may be better suited to such an undertaking. The State of Connecticut would benefit from the addition of a FuelCell Energy plant within our borders and we welcome such an enterprise if situated in a better buffered location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

CC: Commissioner Joan McDonald, Department of Economic and Community Development
The Honorable Anthony Musto
The Honorable T.R. Rowe
The Honorable Tony Hwang
Ms. Edna Colucci
Mr. Keith Klain