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Ms. Melanie Bachman, Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

**RE: Petition 1310A** - Quinebaug Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). **Request for Revision to Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of Quinebaug Solar LLC's ("Quinebaug") to request a revision to the project's development and management plan. By way of background, on April 24, 2020, the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") approved the above-referenced Petition. On November 20, 2020, the Council approved Quinebaug's Partial Development and Management Plan ("Partial D&M Plan"). On March 26, 2021, the Council approved the second portion of the facility's Partial Development and Management Plan ("Partial D&M Plan II"). In its decisions on the Partial D&M Plan and the Partial D&M Plan II, the Council delegated approval of any changes to Council staff in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA") §16-50j-62(b).

As referenced in the Council's Staff Report on the Partial D&M Plan II, Quinebaug identified Eastern Red Cedar and Common Juniper as the Tier 3 tree species to be used for landscaping plantings. Due to shipping and supply chain issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the current availability of Eastern Red Cedar is very limited. Quinebaug is requesting to substitute Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) and Common Juniper (*Juniperus communis*) with Hetzi Columnar Juniper (*Juniperus chinensis*) for all of the Tier

3 tree plantings, as this tree species is readily available. Moreover, Quinebaug is substituting two Juniperus species with a species in the same genera (*Juniperus*). Quinebaug and its contractors have had great success using this type of Juniper tree to provide screening replacement buffers after removing trees on similar project sites over the past 10 years, and it is known to have a faster growth rate in comparison to cedar.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any additional questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Stephen Bright

Enclosure