

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT }**

**} ss. Southington, Connecticut**

**November 9, 2020**

**COUNTY OF HARTFORD }**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order issued by the Connecticut Siting Council, State of Connecticut.

**ATTEST:**

*/s/ Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council

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**} ss. Berlin, Connecticut**

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I certify that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order in Petition No. 1347A has been forwarded by Certified First Class Return Receipt Requested mail, on November 9, 2020, to all parties and intervenors of record as listed on the attached service list, dated July 14, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

*/s/ Lisa A. Mathews*

Lisa A. Mathews  
Office Assistant  
Connecticut Siting Council

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
**SERVICE LIST**

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<b>Party (granted 7/19/18)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Town of Waterford	<p>Robert A. Avena, Esquire Suisman Shapiro 20 South Anguilla Road P.O. Box 1445 Pawcatuck, CT 06379 (860) 650-8008 (860) 599-3778-fax <a href="mailto:ravena@sswbgg.com">ravena@sswbgg.com</a></p> <p>The Honorable Robert J. Brule First Selectman Waterford Town Hall 15 Rope Ferry Road Waterford, CT 06385 (860) 444-5834 <a href="mailto:rbrule@waterfordct.org">rbrule@waterfordct.org</a> <a href="mailto:apiersall@waterfordct.org">apiersall@waterfordct.org</a></p>
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FROM: Lisa A. Mathews, Office Assistant *LM*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1347A** – GRE GACRUX 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 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

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Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice.

Please send an affidavit of publication and invoice to my attention.

Thank you.

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### NOTICE

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) announces that, on November 5, 2020, the Council issued Findings of Fact, an Opinion, and a Decision and Order, approving a petition from GRE GACRUX LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). This petition record is available for public inspection in the Council's office, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.



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Dear Attorney Hoffman:

By its Decision and Order dated November 5, 2020, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) ruled that a 15.3 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, meets all applicable United States Environmental Protection Agency and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection air and water quality standards, and therefore, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, issued a declaratory ruling for the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility, with a recommendation to consult with the Town of Waterford regarding any potential improvements to Oil Mill Road.

Enclosed are the Council's Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

**This final decision has been electronically issued pursuant to Governor Lamont's March 12, 2020 Executive Order No. 7, "Protection of Public Health and Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic and Response" and subsequent orders related thereto.**

Sincerely,

*/s/ Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.  
Executive Director

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Enclosures (3)

c: Service List dated July 14, 2020  
State Documents Librarian (via email)

## DECLARATORY RULING

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby certify that they have heard this case, or read the record thereof, in the reopening based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b) of **PETITION NO. 1347A – GRE GACRUX 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 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy’s existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut, and voted as follows to issue a declaratory ruling:

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Vote Cast</u>
<u>/s/ Robert Silvestri</u> Robert Silvestri, Presiding Officer	Yes
<u>/s/ Quat Nguyen</u> Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett Designee: Larry Levesque	Abstain
<u>/s/ Nicole Lugli</u> Commissioner Katie Dykes Designee: Nicole Lugli	Yes
<u>/s/ Edward Edelson</u> Edward Edelson	Recused
<u>/s/ Michael Harder</u> Michael Harder	No
<u>/s/ Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.</u> Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.	Abstain
<u>/s/ John Morissette</u> John Morissette	Yes

**This final decision has been electronically issued pursuant to Governor Lamont’s March 12, 2020 Executive Order No. 7, “Protection of Public Health and Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic and Response” and subsequent orders related thereto.**

Dated at Southington, Connecticut, November 5, 2020.