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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 16, 2020

TO: Service list dated July 14, 2020

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

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).

During a public hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on July 14, 2020, the Council ruled on the following motions and objections:

1. Save the River Save the Hills, Inc. Additional Request for Party and CEPA Intervenor Status, dated June 10, 2020.

The request was granted.

2. Save the River Save the Hills, Inc. Objection to the Siting Council's Administrative Notice List, dated June 18, 2020.

The objection was overruled.

3. GRE GACRUX, LLC Motion to Compel Save the River Save the Hills, Inc. to provide its membership list under seal, dated June 22, 2020.

The motion was denied.

Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) shall continue the remote evidentiary hearing session for the above-referenced proceeding on **Tuesday, August 4, 2020** via Zoom, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** A copy of the Instructions for Access to the Continued Evidentiary Hearing is attached.

The hearing shall commence with the continued cross-examination of the Petitioner by Save the Rivers-Save the Hills (STRSTH), followed by the appearance of the Town of Waterford (Town) for cross-examination by the Council, Petitioner and STRSTH, and thereafter with the appearance of STRSTH for cross-examination by the Council, Petitioner and the Town.

Petitioner's Late-Filed Exhibits

During the July 14, 2020 evidentiary hearing session, the Council requested that the Petitioner submit the following information as late-filed exhibits:

- a) Provide a Sign Posting Affidavit;
- b) Provide revised site plans that include, but are not limited to, a new access road alignment, stormwater basins with forebays, revisions to grading plan and stormwater basin alignment, removal of panels within 200 feet of wetland areas, and any other changes to the original site layout;
- c) Provide revised vernal pool pre and post Vernal Pool Envelope and Critical Terrestrial Habitat figures to exclude the logged areas as a pre and post-construction development condition. Refer to Petition 1347 Responses to Council interrogatories Set 1, Exhibit J for the previous vernal pool analysis conducted for the site;
- d) Provide a monitoring protocol for the Eastern Ribbon Snake;
- e) Provide an inspection protocol and potential remedial actions for vernal pool species that may use the post-construction wet pond stormwater basins as decoy pools;
- f) Revise Site Plan C-5.0 Notes to include inspections of E&S controls/basins (daily, weekly, and prior to and after a storm events);
- g) Revise the stormwater basin callouts on Site Plans 4.0 series and 5.0 series to clearly indicate where erosion blankets and rip rap will be installed;
- h) Revise Site Plan 6.2 to include Silt Fence barrier detail/notes for areas with exposed and shallow bedrock;
- i) Indicate whether solar panels include selenium;
- j) Provide the amount of anticipated site grading in acres and as a percentage of the construction area; and
- k) Indicate whether Petitioner will adhere to the clearing restrictions behind Appendix H of the Petition.

Any request for an extension of time to submit the above-referenced late-filed exhibits shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

If you have any questions about Council procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Council office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you.

MAB/MP/lm

Encl: Instructions for Access to Continued Evidentiary Hearing

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**Instructions for Public Access to Petition 1347A Remote Continued
Evidentiary Public Hearing Session – August 4, 2020 at 1 PM**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Interested persons may join the continued evidentiary session to listen, but **no public comments will be received** during the continued evidentiary session. Public comments may be submitted to the Council by email at siting.council@ct.gov or by regular mail.
- Any person may be removed from the remote continued evidentiary session at the discretion of the Council.
- All participants are requested to mute sound notifications on their computer, smartphone or tablet. Telephones are often equipped with a “do not disturb” feature for the dial-in option.

Access to Continued Evidentiary Session

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/95035108537?pwd=d1F2RHJyRythNnJMNkhIT2FySk9yQT09>
from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required.
Meeting ID: 950 3510 8537 and Password: 2KFeMs
2. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1 (929) 205 6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 950 3510 8537 and Password: 566180** from a telephone.
3. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order of party appearances and cross examination governed by the Hearing Program.
4. **No public comments will be received during the continued evidentiary session.**