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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

DATE: March 2, 2020

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie A. 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).

On February 12, 2020, Save the River-Save the Hills (STRSTH) submitted correspondence to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requesting that the Council deny the Motion to Reopen the above referenced petition, filed by GRE GACRUX-LLC (GRE) on January 23, 2020, presenting numerous objections and concerns in support of the request for denial of the re-opening.

On February 26, 2020, GRE submitted correspondence to the Council in response to STRSTH's objections and concerns. During a regular meeting held on February 27, 2020, the Council granted GRE's Motion to Reopen the petition based on changed conditions.

In its February 26, 2020 correspondence, GRE did not object to a re-opened proceeding but objected to STRSTH's participation in the re-opened proceeding without legal counsel, citing case law and the Connecticut Practice Book in its argument that individuals are not permitted to appear *pro se* on behalf of a corporation or company, in this case STRSTH. GRE therefore requests that STRSTH retain legal counsel for this re-opened proceeding.

With respect to GRE's request that STRSTH retain legal counsel, Parties and Intervenors are requested to submit written comments and/or briefs to the Council on the issue before the close of business on March 9, 2020.

c: Council Members

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