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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.  
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Re: Petition No. 1401 - Revity Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for a 12.25-megawatt AC solar PV facility located at 424 Snake Meadow Road, Plainfield, Connecticut

Dear Attorney Bachman:

I enclose an electronic copy of Revity Energy LLC's revised response to the Council's Interrogatory 28.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning this submittal at (203) 772-7787.

Very truly yours,



Bruce L. McDermott

Enclosures

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Interrogatory CSC-1-28  
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Revity Energy LLC

Witness: Ryan Palumbo

Petition No. 1401

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- Q-CSC-1-28: Referencing page 24 of the Petition, it states, "Revity will provide the results of this Phase 1B to the Council once it is completed." What is the status of the Phase 1B cultural resources assessment and reconnaissance survey?
- A-CSC-1-28: The phase 1B analysis was completed and sent on May 18th of 2020 to the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") for its review and determination. On June 2, 2020, the SHPO issued its determination that it concurs with the findings of the phase 1B analysis that additional archeological investigations of the project areas are not warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities. See Attachment CSC-1-28.

## Attachment CSC-1-28 REVISED



Department of Economic and  
Community Development

State Historic Preservation Office

June 2, 2020

Mr. David R. George  
Heritage Consultants  
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Subject: Phase IB Cultural Resources Assessment Survey  
Proposed Solar Facility  
424 Snake Meadow Road  
Plainfield and Sterling, Connecticut  
ENV-20-0700

Dear Mr. George:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the archeological survey report prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage), dated May 2020. The proposed activities are under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council and are subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The proposed facility is located within a 182.3 acre study area, of which approximately 83 acres will be impacted by construction, roughly bounded to the north, east, and south by forested areas, and to the west by a sand and gravel area, located on the eastern side of Snake Meadow Road. The proposed facility includes photovoltaic (PV) solar panels, racking, access roads, and related ancillary equipment.

Phase IB of the reconnaissance survey consisted of subsurface testing of areas deemed to have moderate to high archaeological sensitivity during Phase IA, and that would be subject to ground disturbing impacts as part of the proposed undertaking. A total of 442 of 492 planned shovel tests were excavated successfully throughout the proposed work area; the 50 unexcavated shovel tests fell in areas characterized as having wet soils, steep slopes, and/or ground disturbance.

The reconnaissance survey resulted in the identification of two loci: Locus 1 and Locus 2. Locus 1 consisted of a single quartz primary thinning flake and a single quartz secondary thinning flake. No other cultural material or features were recovered or identified from Locus 1. Locus 2 yielded a single quartz secondary thinning flake. No other cultural material or features were identified or recovered from Locus 2. Based on low density of artifacts and lack of cultural features, neither locus possesses sufficient research potential to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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As a result of the information submitted, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project areas are not warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities. However, please be advised that if construction plans change to include previously uninvestigated/undisturbed areas, this office should be contacted for additional consultation.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. For additional information, please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or [marena.wisniewski@ct.gov](mailto:marena.wisniewski@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary B. Dunne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mary B. Dunne  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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