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RE: LSE Phoenix, LLC ("Lodestar Energy") Petition for Declaratory Ruling pursuant to Connecticut General States § 4-7176 and § 16-50k for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a 1.99 MW AC ground-mounted solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 100 Sand Road, North Canaan, CT

Dear Attorney Bachman:

I am writing this letter to express the Town of North Canaan's support for Lodestar Energy's 1.99 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility to be located at 100 Sand Road in North Canaan, Connecticut (the "Site"). As you are aware, the Siting Council has the formal approval associated with the siting of any utility facility and the petitioner is appearing before the Siting Council to address any issues and questions the Council and its staff deems appropriate. This project is a part of the State's on-going efforts to address the fragile power supply serving our area. The Town of North Canaan shares the state and regional concerns about the significant electric generation capacity shortage projected for northern Connecticut.

Representatives of Lodestar Energy have met on a number of occasions with Town of North Canaan staff and other local organizations, including an appearance before the Town Selectboard on December 2, 2019 and June 1, 2020, a conversation with the Chairman of Planning and Zoning on January 31, 2020, several meetings and conversations with abutting property owners, a meeting with the First Selectman and Assessor on February 18, 2020 and a meeting with the planning and zoning commission on June 8, 2020.

The Town of North Canaan has reviewed the plans and writes to express its support for the proposed facility at the Site. Due to the location and topography of the Site, we agree with Lodestar Energy that there will be little to no impact to abutting property owners. We are confident that Lodestar Energy will continue to cooperate with the Town throughout the construction and implementation phases of this Project and it will be of great benefit to the Town of North Canaan.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles Perotti
First Selectman