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Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
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Re: Petition No. 1415: Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC – Boom Bridge Solar, proposed 5.0 Megawatt AC solar project to be located at 227 Boom Bridge Rd., North Stonington

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

Pursuant to 16-50k(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, we have reviewed the above cited project with respect to agricultural impacts.

The developers have stated that the project will be located on three abutting parcels that total approximately 27 acres, none of which is mapped by the Natural Resources Conservation Service as prime farmland. Further, the developer has stated that “rental income generated by the solar project will support the landowner’s business, the Beriah Lewis Farm, which has been in operation since 1791. The Beriah Lewis Farm sells meat and dairy products to restaurants and markets throughout southeastern Connecticut.”

Given the above, we have found that there does not appear to be a material impact to the status of prime farmland due to the proposed project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Stephen Anderson of my staff. Steve can be reached at [stephen.anderson@ct.gov](mailto:stephen.anderson@ct.gov), or at (860) 713-2592.

Sincerely,

Bryan P. Hurlburt  
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Cc: Katie Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
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