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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 21, 2020

TO: Service List dated August 10, 2020

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman *MAB*
Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1425** – Gaylord Mountain Solar Project 2019, 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 1.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road in Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from Representative Josh Elliott, dated August 20, 2020, concerning the above-referenced petition.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-40, a copy of the petition is to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review.

A copy of the correspondence from Representative Josh Elliott is attached and will become part of the record of this matter in the form of a limited appearance.

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c: Council Members



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Representative Josh Elliott
88th General Assembly District
Legislative Office Building, Room 4003
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1425** – Gaylord Mountain Solar Project 2019, 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 1.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road in Hamden, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Representative Elliott:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 20, 2020 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-40, a copy of each petition is to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review. Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors, to the petition and members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

This petition will be placed on a future Council Meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Your comments shall become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this matter on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/lm

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ATTN: Connecticut Siting Council

It has come to my attention that Distributed Solar Development LLC (DSD) is preparing to file with the Siting Council to begin construction of a solar facility at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road in Hamden. I am writing to you in opposition of this project.

A number of concerns have been raised by a neighborhood opposition group and my constituents surrounding this proposed development.

Preliminary engineering designs of the facility call for near 15 acres of woodlands to be leveled for the placement of an undisclosed amount of solar panels. This "deforestation" will wreak havoc on storm water, wildlife, property values, and aesthetics, not to mention DSD's call for destruction to our Hamden community is made to benefit New Haven.

As addressed in a letter to neighbors that would be affected by the construction, DSD indicates the "3MW DC / ±1.7 MW AC of clean renewable energy..." will be utilized at Gateway Community College. While it is clear students from Hamden attend Gateway Community College, the facilities directly benefiting from Hamden owned property are located in New Haven.

While clean energy is the future, I vehemently oppose this projects approval. We need to be smart about the initial groundwork for clean energy, and how cities and towns can utilize their own resources in order to avoid a faulty foundation for the future of energy in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Elliott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Representative Josh Elliott
88th General Assembly District