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VIA ELECTRONI MAIL

January 25, 2023

Georgienna V. Driver Assistant Town Planner Planning & Zoning Department Town of Enfield 820 Enfield Street Enfield, CT 06082 gdriver@enfield.org

RE: **PETITION NO. 1557** – LSE Hercules LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 95, 105 and 113 Raffia Road, Enfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Georgienna V. Driver:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Enfield Department of Planning's correspondence dated January 18, 2023, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at <u>portal.ct.gov/csc</u> under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on any 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 all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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c: Service List dated January 9, 2023 Council Members



TOWN OF ENFIELD

Date: January 18, 2023

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT. 06051

RE: Petition No. 1557-LSE Hercules LLC - Solar Project- 95, 99, and 113 Raffia Road, Enfield, CT.

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

The Enfield Planning Department received notification of this project for the Inlands Wetlands Agency and Conservation Commission from the Siting Council on January 5, 2023 via electronic mail. An additional mailing received on 1/12/2023 provided the department with the site plans and additional information needed to be able to review the proposed project. Pursuant to 16-50k(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, staff have reviewed the project with respect to wetlands impacts including the regulated 100-foot upland review area.

Staff and the Enfield IWWA has reviewed the proposal and the following questions, comments, suggestions, and recommendations have been made:

- 1. On page 4, during the December 7, 2022 pre-application meeting with CT DEEP, what was the reason DEEP staff requested the petition to remove one sediment trap that had been shown on its site plans?
- 2. The Resource Protection Program, nor the submitted site plans, show the exact locations of the placement for the proposed environmental sensitive signage mentioned on page 14. Where are these signs to be located and can the Resource Protection Program measures on the site plan be revised to be sure to include this step to make sure this signage is included and installed on the subject property?
- 3. It is also recommended that the Resource Protection Program under Section 3 Petroleum Materials Storage and Spill Prevention, under subsection c, include an additional note that if any fueling, or hazardous materials are to occur on site, that this will be done outside of the Avery A-80 Aquifer protection area to ensure the protection of groundwater in case of a spill.

If your proposed protection measures and actions proceed as described, then there are no further concerns or comments from staff.

Sincerely,

Georgienna Driver, ATP, AZT/Wetlands and Aquifer Agent