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PETITION NO. 1472 – Dynamic Energy Solutions, LLC as agent for Stag Industrial Holdings, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 40 Pepes Farm Road, Milford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality (“Council”) often states its support for the development of clean, renewable energy technologies on appropriate sites in Connecticut. During consideration of Petition No. 1472, the Council decided to comment that this proposal is the type of renewable energy installation which the state needs more of, in contrast to installations that displace forestland or farmland. This observation is consistent with the Council’s comments to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection during the stakeholder engagement process on Sustainable, Transparent and Efficient Practices for Solar Development (STEPS) “that avoidance of adverse impacts to environmental, agricultural, cultural, and natural resources should be a priority for energy development.” Further, the Council stated that “a policy of encouraging rooftop deployment that depends on existing transmission and distribution infrastructure is both predictable and efficient.”

The Council notes that the absence of comment(s) by this Council about other Petitions or Applications, or any aspects thereof, should not be interpreted as an endorsement of those proposed projects, or that this Council might not have comments or concerns on more specific issues raised during the hearing process.

Sincerely,

Peter Hearn
Executive Director

cc: Katie S. Dykes