



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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New Britain, CT 06051

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PETITION NO. 1550 – VCP FX CT, LLC d/b/a Verogy proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.5-megawatt AC roof-mounted solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the Fed Ex Distribution Center, 49 FedEx Drive, Middletown, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Kip Kolesinskas

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PETITION NO. 1551 – C-Tec Solar, LLC proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.3-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the former New Britain landfill on Deming Road east of the intersection with Christian Lane, Berlin, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Charles Vidich

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Dear Attorney Bachman:

Paul Aresta
Executive Director

During consideration of Petitions 1550 and 1551, the Council on Environmental Quality (“Council”) decided to comment that these solar proposals, which utilize existing developed and impervious areas, are the type of renewable energy installations which the state needs more of, in contrast to solar installations that displace forestland or farmland. This observation is consistent with the Council’s comments to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) 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.”

The Council notes that the comment above addresses only certain elements of the materials provided by the Petitioners at the time of the filing. Additional information can become evident through comments offered by other parties and during the Siting Council’s administrative hearing process. The absence of comment(s) by this Council about any Petition or Application, or any aspects thereof, may not be interpreted as an endorsement of a proposed project, or its components or that this Council might not have comments or concerns on more specific issues raised during the hearing process.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council’s comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Aresta
Executive Director

c. Katie Dykes, Commissioner, DEEP
Eric Annes, DEEP