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Re: Petition No. 1712 – Allied Printing Services, Inc. (Petitioner) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.4-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment on its industrial campus located at 1 Allied Way, Manchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) offers the following comments regarding Petition 1712.

Wildlife

The Petitioner states that “the system will not fall within a protected NDDB area”; however, a close examination of the proposed facility location and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) buffer area boundary indicates that the proposed facility could be within a NDDB buffer area. Further, the Petitioner provided information which indicates that wood turtle, a state-listed species of special concern, has been documented within or in close proximity to the project area delineated by the Petitioner. Consequently, the Council recommends that the Petitioner 1) consult with DEEP’s Wildlife Division regarding any protective measures for any state and/or federally listed species including, but not limited to, wood turtles; and 2) adhere to any recommended protective measures during the construction and operation of the proposed facility.

Noise

The Council notes that there is insufficient information in the petition materials to confirm that the noise generated by the proposed facility would meet the applicable standard at nearby properties. The Council notes that the proposed equipment would be “air-cooled” and would include power stage fans, a cabinet cooling fan, and a coolant fan, all of which could produce noise. Given the proposed location of the proposed energy storage equipment, which would be proximate to the southern property line that abuts property owned by the Town of Manchester, the Council recommends that the Petitioner confirm that the noise generated by the proposed facility would meet the applicable standard at nearby properties.

The Council’s comments above address only certain elements of the materials provided by the Petitioner 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Aresta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Aresta
Executive Director