

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 28, 2021

Frank C. DeFelice; Chair Durham Planning & Zoning Commission 30 Town House Road Durham, CT 06422 jperry@townofdurhamct.org

**RE: DOCKET NO. 505** – Haddam Quarter Solar, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 2.8-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located south of Haddam Quarter Road and north of Johnson Lane, Durham, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

#### Dear Chairman DeFelice:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence dated October 22, 2021 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50*l*(b), a copy of the application is required to be submitted to the Town of Durham, including the Planning & Zoning Commission, for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

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.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding. Please note you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at <a href="mailto:portal.ct.gov/csc">portal.ct.gov/csc</a> 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 very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman

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**Executive Director** 

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c: Council Members Service List, dated August 19, 2021

## Durham Planning & Zoning Commission 30 Town House Road Durham, CT 06422

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Siting Council Members,

At its October 20, 2021 meeting, the Durham Planning & Zoning Commission agreed to provide feedback to the Siting Council regarding Docket Number 505.

The following is recommendations:

- 1. Plantings of reasonable size (8-10') be used for buffering between Johnson Lane and the site fencing.
- 2. Utility poles be reviewed for possible elimination; using pad mount and underground utilities instead. Durham's height regulation is 35'.

On behalf of the Durham Planning & Zoning Commission,

Frank C. DeFelice: Chair