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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Melanie Bachman, Esq. Executive Director/Staff Attorney Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: DOCKET NO. 532 – LSE Serpens LLC (Lodestar Energy) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment on 13 parcels located south of West Hill Road (Parcel Nos. 253/003/018; 253/003/033 through 043 and 053-003-045), Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection – Motion for Close of Evidentiary Record and Request for Opportunity to Provide Post-Hearing Briefs

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, LSE Serpens LLC (the "Applicant"), in response to the Council's July 22, 2025 Ruling on the City of Torrington's Objection to the Application as defective due to lack of notice under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50*l*(f). In that Ruling, the Council stated that:

The City of Torrington's objection was denied in part, as it relates to the technical reports, and granted in part, as it relates to the municipal and legislative consultation, for the proceeding to remain open for LSE Serpens LLC to submit additional municipal and legislative consultation materials no earlier than September 22, 2025 unless a written waiver of the 60-day consultation period is jointly submitted by the City and LSE before September 22, 2025.

On August 5, 2025, the Applicant sent a letter via certified mail to the following individuals:

City of Torrington
Mayor Elinor Carbone
Council Member Paul Cavagnero
Council Member Stephen Ivain
Council Member David Oliver
Council Member Anne Ruwet
Council Member Drake Waldron
Council Member Molly Spino

Town of New Hartford
First Selectman Daniel Jerram
Selectman Alesia Kennerson
Selectman Mary Beth Greenwood

<u>State Legislators</u> Senator Paul Honig Representative Jay Case

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The letter explained that the facility is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council, and provided a link to the complete record in this proceeding. The Applicant offered to answer any questions about the proposed facility and provided a link to technical information concerning the project including revised site plans and the revised noise analysis submitted to the Council on May 29, 2025. Record of the certified mailing of these letters is included herewith as **Attachment 1**.

Counsel for the City of Torrington was also included on the August 5, 2025 outreach. In addition to certified mail, electronic versions of the same letter were sent to all individuals with public-facing email addresses, or in the alternative via the respective contact us forms on the City of Torrington and Town of New Hartford municipal websites. The contact form for Torrington City Council Member Waldron was broken, so the Applicant also used the City of Torrington website Contact Us form seeking a way to send City Councilor Waldon an electronic letter. Similarly, the contact form for Town of New Hartford Selectman Greenwood was broken, so the Applicant also reached out through the Town of New Hartford website seeking a way to send Selectman Greenwood an electronic letter. Record of these electronic mailings are included herewith as **Attachment 2**.

No response was received to the August 5th outreach efforts. The Applicant again followed up with these individuals by email on September 16, 2025. Electronic mailings were again sent to all individuals with public-facing email addresses, or in the alternative via the respective contact us forms on the City of Torrington and Town of New Hartford municipal websites. As the contact forms for Torrington City Councilor Waldron and New Hartford Selectman Greenwood remained broken, the Applicant again reached out through their respective municipal websites seeking an electronic method of submittal. The Town of New Hartford later responded, and the Applicant was able to send Selectman Greenwood a copy of the August 5, 2025 letter via email. Record of the September follow up correspondence is included herewith as **Attachment 3**.

No response was received to the September 16th follow up outreach, meaning at no time did any of the municipal or state officials respond to the Applicant's offer to discuss the project during this supplemental consultation period. As a result, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Council formally close the record and specify a schedule for submittal of post-hearing briefs in the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures cc: Service List

¹ https://pullcom.sharefile.com/share/view/6a95088387254c3d/fo1220e4-c942-49c9-8a9b-c86b38a86c02