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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Melanie Bachman
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Re: Docket No. 492 - Gravel Pit Solar Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 120-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on eight parcels generally located to the east and west of the Amtrak and Connecticut Rail Line, south of Apothecaries Hall Road and north of the South Windsor town boundary in East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Gravel Pit Solar (“GPS”), in connection with this Docket. As the Council may be aware, pursuant to the application and the other materials submitted in this Docket, provisions were to be made for the continued maintenance and repair of erosion issues along the Ketch Brook on the northern portion of the western section of the project (to the west of the railroad line). As the Council may also be aware, this land is owned by The Northern Capital Regional Disposal Facility (“NORCAP”) and is leased to my client for the project.

NORCAP had originally assumed the responsibility for the maintenance of erosion situations that formed from previous gravel mining operations, however, there is one erosion area that has progressed over the last few years and continues to worsen over time. This eroding area is driven by perched groundwater discharging from a sandy head-cut which resulted from poor site restoration work along an escarpment following gravel mining excavations conducted around 2016.

To address this situation more fully, my client, working with VHB and the project’s construction team plan to develop an engineered approach that would redirect the surficial groundwater and allow it to infiltrate away from the erosional feature. Until the engineered approach is designed, the project is intending to repair the pre-existing rills and to prevent

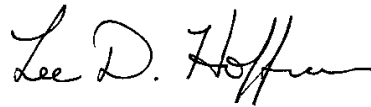
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sedimentation from leaving the site with perimeter controls. To achieve this goal, however, the project would require a very small expansion of the work area that was previously approved by the Council. This expansion of the work area will not require any new tree clearing and the perched groundwater will be able to infiltrate into the Ketch Brook watershed. The proposed expansion is shown in red on the markups from the site plans included here. Sheet C-4.12, sheet 41 of 82 from the site drawings is also included here and shows better detail of the area. The area in the first figure, circled in red, is the proposed expansion area of approximately 1-1.5 acres. The area in the second figure, also circled in red, shows the original work area.

GPS does not believe that this minor change – solely to fix a pre-existing condition at no benefit to the GPS Project itself - is of sufficient size to warrant a modification of the project's D&M Plan and is simply sending this letter to the Council for notification purposes. However, if the Council disagrees with the project's assessment of the situation, we would ask that the Council consider this letter as an official request to modify the D&M Plan.

Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee D. Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Lee D. Hoffman

