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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

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, in connection with this Docket. The purpose of this letter is to inform the Council of the construction progress for the project. Progress updates will be provided quarterly beginning with April 1, 2023, and Gravel Pit Solar will provide additional reports quarterly until the completion of construction.

From April – June 2023, the following actions have been taken:

- Conducted contractor education regarding all Council requirements, including species protection and environmental concerns;
- Began installation of foundations for the Gravel Pit Solar substation;
- Completed chipping of woody debris and hauling of timber and excess wood chips;
- Installed site access roads and laydown areas;
- Installed stormwater controls across the project site;
- Performed grading, stabilization, and vegetation of disturbed areas;
- Performed turtle sweeps in work areas and wildlife exclusion fencing repairs due to ongoing ATV vandalism;
- Managed dust control in existing gravel pit areas;

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- Conducted pile survey and installation;
- Performed below-grade work on Gravel Pit Solar substation foundations;
- Performed trenching for the AC and DC cable; and
- Conducted weekly and monthly monitoring, inspections, and reporting.

Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me at your convenience. I certify that copies of this submittal have been made to all parties on the Certificate's Service List as of this date.

Sincerely,

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