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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. The project will provide additional reports quarterly until the completion of construction.

During the past quarter, the project undertook the following activities:

January – March 2024

- Contractor education of all Council requirements, including species protection and environmental concerns.
- All stormwater perimeter controls have been installed and approved by Connecticut DEEP.
- Civil contractor continued and completed installation of foundations at the Gravel Pit Solar substation. Foundation installation at the Eversource switchyard began and are in process.
- Grading, stabilization, and vegetating disturbed areas.

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- Turtle sweeps in work areas and wildlife exclusion fencing repairs due to ongoing ATV vandalism
- Dust control in existing gravel pit areas.
- Pile installation and trench for AC and DC cable complete.
- 80% of racking is currently installed.
- Module delivery and installation begun.
- Below-grade work on GPS Substation and POI switchyard foundations completed.
- Completed the HDD crossing of Ketch Brook and the CTDOT Rail.
- Equipment for the substation has been delivered and construction of the substation is underway.
- Weekly/Monthly monitoring, inspections, and reporting was undertaken.

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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