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Via E-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 (“GPS”), in connection with this Docket. The purpose of this letter is to inform the Council of the construction progress for the Project and to request certain construction work hour adjustments.

As the Council may be aware, the project has completed all necessary financing, and continues with construction activities. Last quarter’s construction activities, conducted from October-December of 2022, consisted of:

- Educating contractors regarding all Council requirements, including species protection and environmental concerns;
- Completing civil work to build the pad for the Eversource Switchyard and the GPS substation;
- Chipping woody debris and hauling timber and excess wood chips;
- Installing stormwater controls adjacent to the Eversource Switchyard and GPS substation;
- Conducting turtle sweeps in work areas and repairing wildlife exclusion fencing due to ongoing ATV vandalism;
- Performing dust control in existing gravel pit areas; and
- Conducting weekly/monthly monitoring, inspections, and reporting.

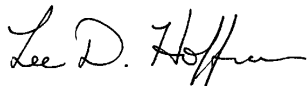
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GPS will provide additional quarterly reports until the completion of construction.

As the Council may be aware, the Project has continued with clearing activities this winter and recently began installing project roads and demolishing structures located on the existing tobacco farm. Project contractors have indicated to GPS that they would like to modify the work hour schedules in order to account for weather conditions and saturated soil conditions. GPS provided to the Council in its Application that "Typical construction days/hours will be between Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; however, Gravel Pit Solar anticipates that weekend work and some longer hours may occur to meet critical milestones." From the date of this letter until May 1, 2023, GPS requests that it be allowed to perform construction activities on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to conduct tree clearing, civil work, and demolition work.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee D. Hoffman".

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