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Via Electronic Filing

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director/Staff Attorney
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Re: DOCKET NO. 497 - Burlington Solar One, LLC Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the Proposed Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a 3.5-Megawatt AC Solar Photovoltaic Generating Facility Located at Lot 33, Prospect Street, Burlington, Connecticut, and Associated Electrical Interconnection.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Burlington Solar One, LLC in connection with the above-referenced Docket. With this letter, I am enclosing the responses to the Council's July 28, 2021 Interrogatories related to the project's development and management plan.

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

Sincerely,

Lee D. Hoffman

Enclosures

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

Burlington Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.5-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Lot 33, Prospect Street, Burlington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

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**BURLINGTON SOLAR ONE, LLC'S RESPONSES TO THE CONNECTICUT SITING
COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT (D&M) PLAN
INTERROGATORIES**

The applicant, Burlington Solar One, LLC (“Burlington Solar One” or “the Applicant”), respectfully submits this response to the Council’s Development & Management (D&M) Plan Interrogatories, dated July 28, 2021, in the above-referenced Docket. In response to the Council’s Interrogatories, Burlington Solar One states as follows:

**Development & Management (D&M) Plan Interrogatories
July 28, 2021**

1. Provide the status of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Stormwater Permit.

Burlington Solar One has maintained consistent contact with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) regarding the status of the project’s Stormwater Permit. As of July 28, 2021, Burlington Solar One was asked to provide the DEEP with additional, clarifying information concerning one aspect of the project’s proposed stormwater design. It is Burlington Solar One’s understanding that, upon DEEP’s receipt of such information, and the requisite Letter of Credit, the Stormwater Permit will be issued for the project.

2. Referencing Condition 2c of the Council’s Decision and Order (D&O) dated July 15, 2021 and Tab B of the Development and Management (D&M) Plan, does Burlington Solar One, LLC’s (BSO) Petroleum Materials Storage and Spill Prevention Plan take into account the response to a leak and/or spill of the biodegradable transformer insulating fluid? If no, please revise the plan accordingly to include such details.

Yes, the Petroleum Material Storage and Spill Prevention Plan addresses the appropriate response(s) to a leak and/or spill event involving the biodegradable transformer insulating fluid. Please refer to the revised Exhibit B, attached to the end of these responses, for such response details.

3. Referencing Condition 2d of the Council’s D&O, identify the final seed mix for the solar facility footprint.

The final seed mix for the solar facility footprint is provided in the Sediment & Erosion Controls Details Sheet, p. 13 of 15, Item E, “Permanent Grass Cover.” The selected seed mix is comprised of the following plantings: 45% Creeping Red Fescue, 45% Tall Fescue, and 10% Redtop.

4. Referencing Condition 2d of the Council’s D&O, does the Final Landscaping Plan and/or seed mix include any pollinator friendly plantings? Explain.

Yes, the seed mix selected for use in the areas of the infiltration basin slopes, and outside the fenced limits of disturbance (“LOD”), includes pollinator friendly plantings, including but not limited to, Butterfly Milkweed and Purple Joe-Pye Weed. Additional information on the selected seed mix is provided in Site Details Sheet 12 of 15.

5. Referencing Site Details Sheet 12 in the D&M Plan, Construction Sequence, Phase 1, Item 4 notes, “Clear trees and brush 16.6 Acres.” Similarly, the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan – Phase 1 Sheet 4 has a note that indicates “Area of Clearing (16.6 acres). Stumps shall remain...” Based on the approved revised project, will the total approximate tree clearing area be less than 16.6 acres? If yes, please revise such drawing as necessary.

Yes, the approximate tree-clearing area is less than 16.6 acres. In the project’s current (revised) iteration, the total tree-clearing area is approximately 15.4 acres. Please refer to Exhibit A, attached hereto, for the revised drawing (Site Details Sheet 12 of 15).

6. Referencing page 2 of the D&M Plan, BSO notes that, “The pre-construction phase of the plan has been implemented on the site by the landowner in connection with the landowner’s gravel operations and will continue through the start and completion of construction.” Please clarify specifically which steps have been taken by the landowner.

To date, the subject landowner has implemented steps 1 through 3 of the Eastern Box Turtle and Hognose Snake Protection Plan (“EBTHSPP”) onsite; specifically, (i) *isolation of the project perimeter*; (ii) *targeted searches of the project area*; and (iii) *periodic inspections and maintenance of the isolation structures*. Burlington Solar One will be responsible for implementing steps 3 through 5 of the EBTHSPP (i.e., continuing the owner’s inspections, contractor education, targeted turtle searches/protective care measures, and reporting) prior to, and throughout, construction of the project.

7. **Please submit a revised/updated Eastern Box Turtle and Hognose Snake Protection Plan (EBTHSPP) and indicate which sections of the EBTHSPP will be implemented going forward.**

Please refer to Exhibit C for the revised EBTHSPP, indicating which sections of the EBTHSPP will be implemented onsite going forward.

8. **Referencing the Improvement Location Survey Sheet 3 in the D&M Plan, approximately how tall will the three new utility poles be? Will there be one single overhead connection to electrical distribution on “Existing Utility Pole #1621?” Where will the demarcation point (or location of change of control) from BSO to The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy be located?**

The new utility poles will be approximately 40 to 45 feet in height. There will be one (1) single overhead connection to the electrical distribution on Existing Utility Pole #1621. The demarcation point from Burlington Solar One to The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) is located on the second (2nd) and third (3rd) utility poles onsite.

9. **Referencing the Council’s Finding of Fact No. 109 and the Landscaping Plan Sheet 11 in the D&M Plan, will the 8-foot fence have privacy slats? If yes, will they be on all sides or just select portions of the fence? Explain.**

Yes, the eight (8)-foot fence will have privacy slats installed on all sides.

Respectfully Submitted,
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