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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 24, 2021

TO: Service List, dated January 28, 2021

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director MAB

RE: **DOCKET NO. 497** – 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.

During a public hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on March 23, 2021, the Council ruled on the following motion:

Applicant's Motion to Install Eastern Box Turtle Exclusion Fencing Around the Perimeter of the Project Area, dated March 5, 2021.

The motion was denied on the following bases:

- 1. Under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(a), no person shall commence site preparation without having first obtained a Certificate from the Council;
- 2. It is unclear whether the installation of the fence would adversely impact Eastern Box Turtles if the proposed solar project is denied; and
- 3. Neither the Council nor DEEP would have jurisdiction over the proposed site or the host parcel if the proposed solar project is denied.

Continuation of Evidentiary Hearing

The Council shall continue the evidentiary hearing session for the above-referenced proceeding on **April 13, 2021**, via Zoom conferencing, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** A copy of the Instructions for Access to the Continued Evidentiary Hearing is attached.

The hearing shall commence with the continued cross examination of the applicant by the Council.

Applicant's Late-Filed Exhibits

During the March 23, 2021 evidentiary hearing session, the Council requested that the Applicant submit the following information as late-filed exhibits:

- a. Amended Proposed Facility Site Plan (to be posted under Hearing Information on the Council's website):
- b. Drawing depicting the solar racking and panel configuration;

- c. Clearer anticipated connection diagram from page 16 of the Application; and
- d. Projected AC capacity factors at 20 years and 30 years taking into account the annual power degradation of the panels.

The Council requests these late-filed exhibits be submitted to the Council before the close of business on **April 6, 2021.**

Any request for an extension of time to submit pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

If you have any questions about Council procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Council office at 860-827-2935.

Thank you.

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Instructions for Public Access to Docket No. 497 Remote Continued Evidentiary Public Hearing Session – April 13, 2021 – 2 PM

PLEASE NOTE:

- Interested persons may join the continued evidentiary session to listen, but **no public comments** will be received during the continued evidentiary session. Public comments may be submitted to the Council by email at sitting.council@ct.gov or by regular mail.
- Any person may be removed from the remote continued evidentiary session at the discretion of the Council.
- All participants are requested to mute sound notifications on their computer, smartphone or tablet. Telephones are often equipped with a "do not disturb" feature for the dial-in option.

Access to Continued Evidentiary Session

- Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: https://zoom.us/j/99907792534?pwd=cHRYdkYrdXUxVGgwTkVFRk10Tk9Ndz09
 from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required.

 Meeting ID: 999 0779 2534 and Passcode: xw0z2C
- 2. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at 1 (929) 205 6099 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID: 999 0779 2534 and Passcode: 074441 from a telephone.
- 3. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order of party appearances and cross examination governed by the Hearing Program.
- 4. No public comments will be received during the continued evidentiary session.