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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.

The following activities occurred during the months of July through September 2024:

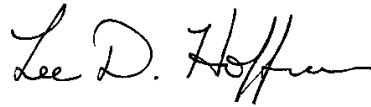
- Continued contractor education of all Council and CT DEEP requirements, including species protection and environmental concerns occurred.
- All stormwater perimeter controls have been installed and maintained as approved by Connecticut DEEP.
- Civil contractor continued and completed installation of foundations at the Gravel Pit Solar substation. Foundation installation at the Eversource switchyard began and is in process.
- Grading, stabilization, and vegetating disturbed areas continued.
- Turtle sweeps in work areas and wildlife exclusion fencing repairs due to ongoing ATV vandalism took place.

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- Dust control in existing gravel pit areas was maintained.
- Pile installation and trench for AC and DC cable is now complete.
- 100% of racking and modules are currently installed.
- Below-grade work on GPS Substation and POI switchyard foundations is completed.
- The project 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.
- Commissioning at the substation is completed and cold commissioning of the PV array is underway.
- Weekly/monthly monitoring, inspections, and reporting is ongoing.

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 black ink that reads "Lee D. Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "H".

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