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August 23, 2013

Lee Hoffman, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1056** - GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 5.0 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating Project located on Grassy Hill Road and Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on August 22, 2013, the Council considered and approved the commencement of site clearing with the condition that GRE retain an environmental consultant to inspect the old barn, the abandoned house and related structures on the property prior to demolition to determine if there are any bat maternity colonies. If a bat colony is found, GRE shall consult with DEEP for guidance and notify the Council of DEEP's recommendation.

This approval applies only to the site clearing portion of the Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan). The non-site clearing portions of the D&M Plan are still under review and have not been approved by the Council to date.

Please be advised that any changes or deviations from this approval are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report for the site clearing portion of the D&M Plan, dated August 22, 2013.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein ^{UAB}

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/RDM/cm

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated August 22, 2013

c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable Paul M. Formica, First Selectman, Town of East Lyme
Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning, Town of East Lyme