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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:

Connecticut Siting Council (Council) staff conducted a field review of the above referenced site on November 18, 2015 to observe current site conditions and review compliance with the Council approved Decision and Order for this project, issued on May 16, 2013, and the Council approved Development and Management Plan (approvals of August 22, 2013, September 5, 2013, March 20, 2014, and June 12, 2014). Council staff walked the perimeter of the facility and noted the following concerns:

- the perimeter erosion control fencing and associated silt sox installed during the construction of the project are no longer necessary as the site has stabilized. Most of the silt fencing is in a state of disrepair, including locations adjacent to abutting residences;
- no landscaping has been installed to date in areas specified in the approved Development and Management Plan; and
- the erosion control mesh on the embankment above the utility connection point has not been properly seeded as the area is mostly barren and gully patterns are forming.

The Council requests that GRE 314 East Lyme LLC submit correspondence by the close of business on December 21, 2015 that provides the following:

- a) a schedule that indicates when the above listed items will be brought into compliance with the Council approved Development and Management Plan;
- b) the date of commencement of site operation and completion of site rehabilitation, in accordance with Decision and Order Condition No. 2 and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-62;
- c) a first year facility operating report, in accordance with Decision and Order Condition No. 3; and
- d) a Final Report in accordance with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-62.



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Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director

- c: Council Members
Honorable Mark Nickerson, First Selectman, Town of East Lyme
Gary A. Goeschel II, Director of Planning, Town of East Lyme
Ryan C. McNamara, CENTERPLAN Construction Company
Michael Silvestrini, GRE 314 East Lyme LLC

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Southwest section of project site. Nonfunctional silt fencing. Landscaping specified in this area.



Southeast section of project site. Side slopes now stabilized with vegetation.



Silt fence adjacent Wingardner Property.



Silt fence, silt socks and discarded PVC pipe along electrical connection corridor.