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TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1056** - GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC petition for a 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.

I. Introduction

The petition is from GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 5.0 MW Solar Photovoltaic Generating facility and associated equipment in the Town of East Lyme, Connecticut.

The facility would consist of the installation of approximately 17,500 solar photovoltaic modules and associated ground equipment within an approximately 35 acre area located at 40 and 44 Grassy Hill Road, 89 Walnut Hill Road, and Walnut Hill Road Rear. The site property consists of 75 acres of woodland and old fields and is located in a residential area of East Lyme.

II. Procedural

Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the petition, holding a public hearing in the Town of East Lyme, on Thursday, March 14, 2013 and depositing the transcript in the town halls of East Lyme and Montville.

III. Proposed Schedule

Petition received	12/17/12
Pre-hearing Questions	<i>(tentative)</i>
• Set-One Filed	01/31/13
• Set-One responses due	02/20/13
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	02/13/13
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	02/28/13
Pre-filed testimony due	03/07/13
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	03/07/13
Field review of proposed site	03/14/13 (2 PM)
Public Hearing in Town of East Lyme	03/14/13 (3 PM & 7 PM)
Close of Record	30 days after close of hearing
Draft Findings of Fact	04/18/13 <i>(tentative)</i>
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	05/02/13 <i>(tentative)</i>
Deadline for Decision	06/17/13