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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

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.	Petition No. 1056
	October 13, 2026

Introduction

On September 21, 2026, the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) propounded Interrogatories on Petitioner GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC. As was noted in the September 3, 2026 letter from MN8 Energy Operating Company LLC (“MN8”), the facility that is the subject of this Petition and the September 21, 2026 Interrogatories “is wholly-owned by GRE 314 East Lyme LLC, which is a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of MN8.”¹

As was noted by MN8:

[O]n December 30, 2019, Clean Focus Corporation sold 100% of its equity interests in Greenskies Power Group LLC to GSRP Chambers LLC. Greenskies Power Group LLC indirectly owns 100% of the equity interests in GRE 314 East Lyme LLC. As such, on December 30, 2019, the ultimate ownership of GRE 314 East Lyme LLC was sold by Clean Focus Corporation to GSRP Chambers LLC (a subsidiary of MN8), but the direct owner of the Project remained GRE 314 East Lyme LLC.

Id. As such, MN8 properly has the authority to respond to any interrogatories issued to GRE 314 East Lyme LLC. Greenskies Clean Energy (GCE) is the successor to Greenskies Renewable

¹ See MN8’s September 3, 2026 correspondence to the Council, found at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/3_petitions-medialibrary/petitions_medialibrary/mediapetitionnos0001-1100/pe1056/submissions/pe1056-mn8---response-to-csc-re-gre-314-east-lyme.pdf?rev=0a2fc4a920c84b13adaa42dc13cc39a3&hash=308E8D9BBC20DE49A8B907ABB6BA1F7E.

Energy LLC, which was an affiliate company to Clean Focus Corporation, and is the remaining entity on the seller side of the transaction referenced above that has the greatest amount of knowledge to respond to the Council's Interrogatories. Accordingly, GCE hereby submits the following responses to the Interrogatories that were directed to GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC by the Connecticut Siting Council on September 21, 2026.

Responses

1. Referencing GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC's (GRE) October 9, 2012 Operations and Maintenance Plan for the solar facility (Appendix F to Petition No. 1056) on page 3:

- a. Who was the party responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the entire solar field?

Greenskies Renewable Energy LLC was responsible for overseeing maintenance of the entire solar field from commercial operation on June 6, 2014 until sale of Greenskies Power Group LLC ("GPG"), which owned GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC, to GSRP Chambers LLC (GSRP) on December 30, 2019.² GCE was contracted by GSRP to perform operations and maintenance at the site after the sale until that contract was terminated in December 2021.

- b. When GRE owned/operated the solar facility, were copies of inspection reports and maintenance records kept on site?

During the time that Clean Focus Corporation indirectly owned GRE, which was the entity that owned and operated the solar facility, copies of inspection reports and maintenance records were kept at the office of Greenskies Renewable Energy LLC. Records of inspection reports and maintenance records were not kept on site.

2. Referencing Finding of Fact No. 7 of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, the solar facility was selected in a 2011 DEEP RFP and GRE had a 20-year power purchase agreement with the Connecticut Light and Power Company, now known as Eversource Energy. When did the power purchase agreement commence and when will the power purchase agreement expire?

² See Footnote 1, *supra*.

The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) commenced as of the Commercial Operation Date on June 6, 2014. To the best of GRE's knowledge, the PPA will expire at the end of its twenty (20) year term.

3. Referencing GRE's July 27, 2026 response to the Council's July 7, 2026 Notice of Enforcement Action, what requirements exist under the power purchase agreement if the facility is sold or transferred? Submit documentation related to GRE's compliance with the provisions of the power purchase agreement when GRE sold or transferred the facility.

GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC was owned by GPG, and it is GPG that was the entity that was sold to GSRP. The PPA requires that Buyer (Eversource) consent to "Change of Control". As the ownership of GRE 314 East Lyme LLC did not change (i.e., GRE 314 East Lyme LLC was owned by GPG both before and after the sale of GPG to GSRP), consent from Eversource was not required. It is GRE's understanding that GSRP or MN8 notified Eversource of a change in contact information for the PPA, but GRE has no documentation of that change.

4. Referencing GRE's July 27, 2026 response to the Council's July 7, 2026 Notice of Enforcement Action, as of the date of the sale or transfer of the facility, what noise-generating equipment was operating at the facility site? If the equipment is different than what was approved by the Council in Petition No. 1056, provide the equipment specifications and dates the equipment was installed.

As of the date of the sale of GPG, eight (8) Solectria SGI 500 inverters were operating at the facility site. The equipment was not different than what was approved by the Council.

5. Referencing Condition No. 1(a) of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, did GRE violate any of the terms and conditions of any required permits and/or agreements related to the facility apart from Condition No. 8 of the Council's Declaratory Ruling?

Other than as set forth in this response below, GCE is not aware of any violations of any terms or conditions of any required permits or agreements related to the facility.

GCE acknowledges that neither GRE nor MN8 Energy LLC appears to have provided the Council with a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.

In addition, as the Council is aware, on March 31, 2014, counsel for the facility informed the Council's Executive Director, Melanie Bachman, of a failure of the sedimentation control system that occurred at the facility. See April 7, 2014 letter from Melanie Bachman to Lee Hoffman, located at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/1_dockets-medialibrary/petition_1056/pe105620140407siteconditionsltrpdf.pdf?rev=d2ccc620739644d6915662b227f25f39&hash=FDA4BF41C249E59FDD989A897FC07F76.

On June 12, 2014, the Council reviewed and approved the facility's implementation of corrective actions related to these erosion and sedimentation control issues. See June 16, 2014 letter from Melanie Bachman to Lee Hoffman, located at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/1_dockets-medialibrary/petition_1056/dandm/1056dmrevisiondcpdf.pdf?rev=1ae7ef5062e04be2842de7c9dae9110&hash=C38C6956EAE10E33444B4FD3C758D4C0

On December 21, 2015, the facility provided the Siting Council with an update regarding its progress on sedimentation and erosion controls, which can be found here: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/1_dockets-medialibrary/petition_1056/dandm/1056greresponsesiteconditionspdf.pdf?rev=021d553ec381405ca6408f80910ae51d&hash=A5150C4F5C356139F9990F15A9BFAFE7. On June 14, 2016, the facility provided the Council with a further update demonstrating that all required landscaping had been completed. This correspondence can be found at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/1_dockets-medialibrary/petition_1056/dandm/p105620160614completionlandscapingphotospdf.pdf?rev=0da2573bb554441198fa597da603be0b&hash=F4A1CCA432689091889FCC7A6DADAD67.

6. Referencing Condition No. 1(a) and Finding of Fact No. 81 of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, did GRE conduct any noise measurements or studies at the facility site prior to its sale or transfer of the facility? If yes, provide dates and results.

GCE is not aware of any noise measurements or studies that were taken at the facility prior to the sale of GPG to GSRP on December 30, 2019.

7. Referencing Condition No. 1(a) of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, were GRE contact information signs posted at the facility site? If yes, where were they located and when were they removed?

As of this writing, GCE cannot ascertain if contact information signs were posted, their location, and when they may have been removed, if they were in fact placed at the facility site.

8. Referencing Condition No. 2 of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, when did GRE commence site operation and when did GRE conclude its first year of operation?

The facility commenced site operation on June 6, 2014, and the first year of operation was concluded on June 5, 2015.

9. Referencing Condition No. 3 of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, did GRE generate a first-year operating report? If so, submit it.

GCE is unable to locate a first-year operating report in its files.

10. Referencing Finding of Fact Nos. 42 and 81 of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, eight inverters were to be installed mostly on the west edge of the solar facility site. How many inverters in total were installed, where were the inverters installed, and what is the distance from the nearest inverters to the property line with 14 Mountain View Road?

Eight inverters were installed along the west edge of the array. At the time of the sale on December 30, 2019, the nearest inverters to 14 Mountain View Road were approximately 80 feet from the property line.

11. Referencing Finding of Fact No. 93 of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, what was the condition of the six-foot high stockade fence along the west edge of the facility site at the time of the sale or transfer?

The six-foot high stockade fence along the west edge of the facility was in good condition at the time of the sale on December 30, 2019.

12. Referencing Finding of Fact No. 95 of the Council's May 17, 2013 Declaratory Ruling, were any solar panels and/or associated equipment re-positioned to increase the setback to abutting properties at the time of the sale or transfer?

No solar panels or associated equipment were re-positioned to increase the setback to abutting properties at the time of the sale on December 30, 2019.

13. Referencing Annex A of the September 3, 2026 MN8 Energy, LLC (MN8) correspondence to the Council, please confirm that this documentation is representative of the December 30, 2019 sale or transfer of the facility referenced in GRE's July 27, 2026 correspondence.

GCE confirms that Annex A of the September 3, 2026 MN8 Energy, LLC correspondence to the Council is representative of the December 2019 sale of the facility.

14. Referencing the record of Petition No. 1056 and the September 3, 2026 MN8 correspondence to the Council, p. 3, the Solectria Solar SGI 500XT inverters were discontinued as of the fourth quarter of 2017. Was GRE aware of the inverter obsolescence

when it sold or transferred the solar facility? If so, what plans did GRE have, if any, to replace the obsolete inverters before it sold or transferred the facility?

It was known at the time of the time of the December 30, 2019 sale that the inverters had been discontinued. It was also known that replacement parts for those inverters were still available (though availability was often delayed) as of the sale on December 30, 2019. There were no plans to replace the inverters before GPG was sold to GSRP.

15. Referencing the record of Petition No. 1056 and the September 3, 2026 MN8 correspondence to the Council, p. 3 and Annex C, how does the noise from the Solectria Solar SGI 500XT inverters compare to the noise from the Solar Ware® PVU-L0840GR-2-400 inverters? Does the replacement of the Solectria Solar SGI 500XT inverters with the Solar Ware® PVU-L0840GR-2-400 inverters comply with each of the following criteria listed under Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-57(b):
 - (b) None of the following shall constitute a modification to an existing energy facility that may have a substantial adverse environmental effect:
 - (1) Routine general maintenance and one-for-one replacement of facility components that are necessary for reliable operation;
 - (2) Changes on an existing site that do not:
 - (A) extend the boundaries of the site beyond the existing fenced compound;
 - (B) increase the height of existing associated equipment;
 - (C) increase noise levels at the site boundary by 6 decibels or more, or to levels that exceed state and local criteria;
 - (D) manage electric and magnetic field levels at the site boundary in a manner that is inconsistent with the Council's Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields at the site boundary;

- (E) cause a significant adverse change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the site; or
- (F) impair the structural integrity of the facility, as determined in a certification provided by a professional engineer licensed in Connecticut, where applicable.

GCE cannot comment on MN8's assertions regarding the noise levels from Solare Ware inverters or the extent to which the replacement of the inverters may constitute a modification to the facility under existing approvals, as GCE is not familiar with that equipment or its installation.