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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 16, 2020

TO: Service List, dated December 4, 2020

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1222A** - Windham Solar LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of three 2.0 Megawatt and four 1.0 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facilities located southeast of Hartford Turnpike and south of Fisk Road, Hampton, Connecticut. **Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).**

Comments have been received from the Connecticut Airport Authority, dated December 16, 2020. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



TO: Robert J. Hannon, Connecticut Siting Council
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FROM: Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority

DATE: December 16, 2020

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Dear Distinguished Members of the Connecticut Siting Council and Executive Director Bachman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding Petition No. 1222A.

While it appears that this development is at least five miles away from Windham Airport, and therefore unlikely to pose obstruction issues, the CAA respectfully requests a copy of any glare studies that have been developed to understand the impacts that this could have to air traffic in the area. As I have noted to the council in the past, glare from photovoltaic facilities can sometimes impact pilots in the vicinity of those facilities, and a glare study would provide important information to understand the full impacts that this project could have on aviation in the state. Despite the distance from the airport, this project is just off the centerline to the approach of Runway 27 and a glare study would help confirm that there is no safety issue for arriving pilots.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 860-292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin A. Dillon".

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.
Executive Director
Connecticut Airport Authority