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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 1, 2021

Lee D. Hoffman, Esq.  
Pullman & Comley, LLC  
90 State House Square  
Hartford, CT 06103-3702

RE: **PETITION NO. 1313** - DWW Solar II, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 26.4 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 289 acres comprised of 5 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally west of Hopmeadow Street (US 202/CT 10), north and south of Hoskins Road, and north and east of County Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's North Simsbury Substation west of Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of email correspondence, dated January 29, 2021, from a resident on Berkshire Way in Simsbury, located in proximity to the above referenced facility. The correspondence (attached) expresses concerns regarding the condition of landscape plantings that were installed as visual mitigation in several areas around the facility and the condition of the northern barn (Barn 1) at the intersection of Hoskins Road and County Road.

Pursuant to the Council's December 22, 2017 Declaratory Ruling and the Council's March 29, 2019 approval of the Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan), the Council is requesting information regarding the condition of landscape plantings that were installed as indicated in D&M Plan Exhibit L, and information regarding the condition of the two barns along Hoskins Road (Barns 1 & 2). Additionally, the Council requests a schedule for the replacement of any dead/damaged landscaping and a proposed barn maintenance plan for Barns 1 & 2 as they were incorporated as an integral component of the Visual Screening Plan, and would be maintained, as indicated in Exhibit L and Exhibit O of the approved D&M Plan.

Please submit written correspondence to the Council by February 22, 2021 that addresses the above-referenced concerns.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

c: Joe Treacy ([joetreacy872.@yahoo.com](mailto:joetreacy872.@yahoo.com))  
The Honorable Eric Wellman, First Selectman, Town of Simsbury ([ewellman@simsbury-ct.gov](mailto:ewellman@simsbury-ct.gov))  
Maria Capriola, Town Manager, Town of Simsbury ([mcapriola@simsbury-ct.gov](mailto:mcapriola@simsbury-ct.gov))  
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**From:** Joe Treacy <joetreacy872@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 1:54 PM  
**To:** CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>  
**Cc:** Wellman Eric <ewellman@simsbury-ct.gov>; Glidden Michael <mglidden@simsbury-ct.gov>  
**Subject:** Tobacco Valley Solar -Petition 1313 Simsbury CT

Below is a picture of the northern barn at the intersection of Hoskins and County Rd (Area 2A Middle Solar Field) in Simsbury. As you can see the barn has not been maintained and is in serious need of repair. This is an important part of the minimal screening that is available at this location and therefore it is important that it is maintained.

In a July 27, 2018, memo from Environmental Design and Research a contractor for DWW Solar II LLC, to Aileen Kenney and on p.8 Item j., in the Development and Maintenance Plan Council Staff Report (3/29/19) approved by you, indicate that the barns will be retained, maintained and a quarterly inspection plan protocol will be developed. I believe that this issue must be addressed in the Spring of 2021 before this barn collapses.



Also you should compel TVS to annually review and maintain the buffers they have put in place around the project. They will find that 19 of 26 small (18-24") Rhododendrons planted at the end of Berkshire Way and most of the evergreens that they planted in Area 2A Middle Solar Field and Area 7 facing Knollwood St are dead.

I can appreciate the difficulty in maintaining such a large industrial size solar project but TVS must be held to the agreements and conditions that they agreed to in gaining your approval of this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Joe Treacy, 40 Berkshire Way , Simsbury, CT 06070 Sent from my iPad

**From:** Joe Treacy <joetreacy872@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 2:03 PM  
**To:** CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>  
**Cc:** Wellman Eric <ewellman@simsbury-ct.gov>; mglidden@simsbury-ct.gov  
**Subject:** Tobacco Valley Solar - Petition 1313 Simsbury CT

Please refer to my January 29, 2021 email.

Below is a picture of the rhododendrons at the end of Berkshire Way Simsbury. As I said in my memo 19 of 26 of the plants are dead and a more substantial buffer should be put in place. Thank you

Joe Treacy  
40 Berkshire Way  
Simsbury



Sent from my iPhone