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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 24, 2021

Lee Hoffman, Esq.
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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 your correspondence dated February 22, 2021 regarding the condition of landscaping and abandoned barns at the above referenced facility, as requested in the Council's letter dated February 1, 2021 concerning these facility-related visual mitigation measures.

In regards to facility landscaping, the Council acknowledges that DWW will perform additional inspections and replacement of landscaping in the Spring 2021, followed by re-inspection/replacement as necessary, as indicated in your correspondence.

In regards to the abandoned barns, the Council acknowledges DWW will repair all four barns located on the site. Although the Council's February 1, 2021 letter requested information regarding the condition/maintenance of the two barns along Hoskins Road (Barns 1 & 2) as they are an integral component of the Visual Screening Plan, the Council concurs with DWW's plan to perform short term repairs on all four barns on the site, followed by a potential long term preservation plan using historic materials sourced from other off-site locations, if available, as indicated in your correspondence.

Rather than submit a report on facility landscaping by May 31, 2021 and a report on the condition/maintenance of the four on-site barns by June 30, 2021 as indicated in your correspondence, please submit a **joint report** for both matters by June 30, 2021.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: The Honorable Eric Wellman, First Selectman, Town of Simsbury (ewellman@simsbury-ct.gov)
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