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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 23, 2020

The Honorable Danielle Chesebrough
First Selectman
Town of Stonington
Town Hall
152 Elm Street
Stonington, CT 06378
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1345A** – North Stonington Solar Center, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 15 MW AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 353 acres comprised of four abutting parcels located east of Pendleton Hill Road, north of the Pawcatuck River and south of Interstate-95 with proposed access from Ella Wheeler Road, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Shunock Substation west of Pendleton Hill Road in North Stonington, Connecticut. Request for 1) an amendment to the declaratory ruling; and 2) approval of a Development and Management Plan.

Dear First Selectman Chesebrough:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of a two-part request related to the above-referenced solar photovoltaic facility located in the Town of North Stonington. The first part of the request is for an amendment to the declaratory ruling. If the request for an amendment to the declaratory ruling is approved by the Council, the second part of the request is for approval of a proposed Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan). The Council issued a declaratory ruling for this solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on October 25, 2018. The request for an amendment to the declaratory ruling includes a change to the previously-approved site design. The Town of Stonington is within 2,500 feet of the previously-approved site.

In accordance with Section 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, on or about June 16, 2020, written notice of the intent to file the request to amend the declaratory ruling and for approval of a D&M Plan was provided to the Council, the property owner of record, abutting property owners and the chief elected official of the municipality in which the solar photovoltaic electric generating facility is located and the chief elected official of any municipalities within 2,500 feet of the previously-approved site.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above-referenced request for an amendment to the declaratory ruling and for approval of a D&M Plan, please feel free to call me at 860-827-2951 or submit written comments to the Council by July 18, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney

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