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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 30, 2020

Steve Broyer
Ecos Energy LLC
222 South 9th Street
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1395A** – Windham Solar LLC amended petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of one 1.0-megawatt (MW) and one 0.99 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities located at 31 Benz Street, Ansonia, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Broyer:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than December 21, 2020. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available. At this time, consistent with the Council's policy to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, please submit an electronic copy only to siting.council@ct.gov. However, please be advised that the Council may later request one or more hard copies for records retention purposes.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/ Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

c: Service List

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Project Development

52. The response to interrogatory 25 states sheep would be allowed to graze within the solar field. Was the grazing of sheep recommended at the site by any state or local entity? If so, which one and when?
53. Please provide the following information regarding sheep grazing:
 - a. anticipated rotational schedule and length of grazing season;
 - b. description and location of livestock outbuilding, if necessary;
 - c. describe potential for damage to the panels/wiring from grazing;
 - d. description of seed mix necessary to provide enough livestock forage;
 - e. estimated cost to the Project to allow livestock grazing; and
 - f. indicate if the grazing of livestock is allowed at the site per local zoning regulations.
54. Has the Petitioner had any meetings with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Stormwater Division regarding the Stormwater design? If so, when and with whom? Were any DEEP Stormwater Division recommendations incorporated into the revised site plans?
55. Revised Site Plan Sheet 10 indicates site construction would occur in 2 Phases. At what point will Phase 2 commence in relation to the Phase 1 construction schedule?
56. Approximately what percent of the solar field area would need to be re-graded? What is the desired maximum slope in these areas?
57. Given the shallow, rocky soil at the site, was there an analysis to determine if there will be enough clean native soil from site grading activities to construct stabilized temporary and permanent stormwater basins, and for the application of enough topsoil to ensure seed has sufficient soil depth to promote stormwater infiltration? If so, provide soil information. If not, how does the petitioner know enough clean, reusable soil is on site?
58. An eastern box turtle was recorded at the site during the 2020 wetland survey. Has the Petitioner contacted the DEEP Wildlife Division to determine if seasonal restrictions during construction are recommended to reduce potential impacts to the box turtle?