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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 28, 2020

The Honorable Kevin Cunningham
First Selectman
Town of Plainfield
Town Hall
8 Community Avenue
Plainfield, CT 06374

RE: **PETITION NO. 1397** - Constitution Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 20-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 149 acres comprised of four separate parcels located off of Cornell Road in Plainfield, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear First Selectman Cunningham:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Plainfield's correspondence of April 27, 2020 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n. Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the petitioner and parties and intervenors to the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors
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SELECTMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On behalf of the Town of Plainfield, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Constitution Solar project, an approximately 20-megawatt solar farm developed by a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources and located north of Black Hill Road at the end of Cornell Road in our town.

In 2016, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection selected Constitution Solar to provide solar energy to the state's residents and businesses and help Connecticut meet its renewable energy and carbon emission reduction goals. In addition to its environmental benefits, Constitution Solar will generate millions of dollars in property tax revenue for the Town of Plainfield over its operational lifetime.

The Constitution Solar team has worked side-by-side with town officials, residents and project neighbors dating back to early 2017. They have sought our feedback through presentations and discussions with town officials, hosting community public open houses, and direct outreach to project neighbors. The team has demonstrated its attention to detail and consideration for our questions and concerns, and we know that they will be a positive, long-term partner to Plainfield.

The project underscores the company's commitment to state and local requirements and sensitivities. Increased wetland and watercourse setbacks, additional designated protection areas for endangered species, and the preservation of cultural resources are among the most notable characteristics of the project. The project also adopts our property setback requirements, even when not required. We are confident that the Constitution Solar petition is thorough, well-balanced, and meets the needs of our community.

For these reasons, the Town of Plainfield supports the Constitution Solar project. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Cunningham
First Selectman of Plainfield, Ct