



TOWN OF WINCHESTER – CITY OF WINSTED

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

December 4, 2020

Attorney Melanie Bachman, Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: LSE Pictor LLC (“Lodestar Energy”) Petition for Declaratory Ruling pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-7176 and § 16-50k for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a 1.99 MW AC ground-mounted solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at Platt Hill Road, Winchester, CT

Dear Attorney Bachman:

I am writing this letter to express the Town of Winchester’s support for Lodestar Energy’s 1.99 MW AC solar photovoltaic facility to be located at 100 Platt Hill Road in Winchester, Connecticut (the “Site”). As you are aware, the Siting Council has the formal approval associated with the siting of any utility facility and the petitioner is appearing before the Siting Council to address any issues and questions the Council and its staff deems appropriate. As you are further aware, petitioner previously submitted petition #1398, which was denied without prejudice by the Siting Council on September 24, 2020. This project is a part of the State’s ongoing efforts to address the fragile power supply serving our area. The Town of Winchester shares the state and regional concerns about the significant electric generation capacity shortage projected for northern Connecticut.

Representatives of Lodestar Energy have met on a number of occasions with Town of Winchester staff and other local organizations since the fall of 2019 through the present. Lodestar Energy has kept town officials apprised of the status of the proposed project. It is our understanding that, as a result of the September 24th denial, Lodestar Energy has made significant changes to the design of the project to address the concerns previously raised by the Siting Council, the Town and neighbors.

The Town of Winchester supports the proposed facility at the Site. Due to the location and topography of the Site, we agree with Lodestar Energy that there will be little to no impact to abutting property owners and surrounding area. We are confident that Lodestar Energy will continue to cooperate with the Town throughout the construction and implementation phases of this Project and it will be of great benefit to the Town of Winchester. Therefore, the Town of Winchester writes to confirm its support of the re-submission of this petition and urge the Siting Council to approve the re-filed petition as submitted. Please let me know if you have any questions at 860-738-6962.

Sincerely,

Robert Geiger
Town Manager