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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Office of the Commissioner



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Commissioner

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

Re: PETITION NO. 1401 - Revity Energy, 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 12.25-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 74.9 acres located at 424 Snake Meadow Road, Plainfield, Connecticut and 0 Valley Road, Sterling, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Fry Brook Substation.

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

We have reviewed the above cited petition for declaratory ruling, with respect to agricultural impacts, and have found that there does not appear to be any material impact to the status of prime farmland. As stated in the petition, the property has historically been used for gravel and sand mining operations, and there are no mapped prime farmland soils within the project area. Further, it is our understanding that there will be no other construction activities (e.g., those from electrical interconnections or access roads) which will disturb prime farmland soils on the property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Stephen Anderson of my staff. Steve can be reached at stephen.anderson@ct.gov, or at (860) 713-2592.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan P. Hurlburt".

Bryan P. Hurlburt
Commissioner

Cc: Katie Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina LLP