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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 29, 2020

The Honorable Elinor Carbone
Mayor
City of Torrington
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1407** - Torrington Solar One LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 66.4 acre parcel located generally south of East Pearl Road and east of Torrington Street (Route 183) in Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Mayor Carbone:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the City of Torrington's correspondence dated June 26, 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 Matters" 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 attend the field review and 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

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Executive Director

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June 26, 2020

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1407** - Torrington Solar One LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a 1.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 66.4 acre parcel south of East Pearl Road and east of Torrington Street (Route 183) in Torrington, Connecticut

Dear Attorney Bachman:

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of the notice of the above captioned solar array project proposed by Solar One LLC and VCP, LLC at East Pearl Road in Torrington, Connecticut. Please be advised that the City of Torrington is opposed to the location of this solar array at East Pearl Road, Torrington, Connecticut.

On June 15, 2020, Verogy presented the project proposal at a meeting of the City Council. At that time, a number of the neighbors offered public comments via letters and emails expressing their objections to the location of this array.

Council members expressed considerable concern about the siting of an array of this size at this location for the following reasons:

- The close proximity to the residential homes located on East Pearl Road and Gaylord Lane
- The impact of the array on the abutting recreational ball field "Bishop Donnelly Field" which is regularly used for league softball games and a children's playground.
- The conflict that this development presents with the City's Plan of Conservation and Development as it relates to the Farmland Plan. This property is located within an identified farmland cluster and has been farmed by the Ruwet Family for over 100 years.

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- The property is also located within a designated historic district.

For all of these reasons, the members of the city council has expressed its opposition to this project at this location. The council also recommended that the city work with Verogy to identify and investigate other city-owned locations where this project would be better suited.

Very truly yours,



Elinor Carbone
Mayor