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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 2, 2020

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1412** – LSE Phoenix, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 23-acre parcel located at 100 Sand Road, North Canaan, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Ortolano:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 28, 2020 including the final state-listed species reports regarding compliance with Condition No. 3 of the Council's Declaratory Ruling dated August 28, 2020 for the above-referenced project.

Condition No. 3 of the Declaratory Ruling states, "Submit a copy of the final habitat report for state-listed invertebrates and any applicable DEEP-recommended protective/mitigation measures for state-listed invertebrate species prior to commencement of construction."

Thus, the Council acknowledges that Condition No. 3 of the Declaratory Ruling has been partially satisfied due to the submission of the final reports for state-listed species. However, submission of the final Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) determination from DEEP, with any recommended protective/mitigation measures, remains outstanding.

The October 28, 2020 correspondence also includes a request for project changes as follows:

1. Change to the solar panel model and increase in wattage from 390 Watt to 395 Watt;
2. Reduction in solar panel quantity from 7,560 to 7,488 to slightly reduce development area; and
3. Relocation of a portion of the northern-most row of solar panels to the southwestern corner of the footprint to accommodate requests from neighbors to the north.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's Declaratory Ruling, the request for the project changes is hereby approved.

This acknowledgement of partial compliance with Condition No. 3 of the Declaratory Ruling and approval of the requested project changes apply only to the partially satisfied condition and the requested project changes in the correspondence dated October 28, 2020. Any significant changes to the above-referenced project require advance Council notification and approval.

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Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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