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Petition 1415 - Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling for Re: the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Groundmounted Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating System to Be Located on Boom Bridge Road in North Stonington, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC ("Greenskies"), in connection with the above-referenced Petition. Greenskies hereby supplements its response to the August 3, 2020 First Set of Interrogatories directed to Greenskies from the Connecticut Siting Council. Specifically, as part of its continuing duty to supplement its interrogatory responses as new information becomes available, Greenskies is enclosing a copy of the letter it received from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") on August 20, 2020 regarding the Project's anticipated impact to core forest. This information is being provided as a supplement to the response to Interrogatory No. 4.

Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me at your convenience. I certify that copies of this submittal have been made to all parties on the Petition's Service List as of this date.

Sincerely,

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RE: Greenskies Clean Energy

Proposed 5.0 MW (AC) Solar Array

227 Broom Bridge Road, North Stonington, CT 06359

Dear Ms. Bachman,

Lee D. Hoffman, Attorney for Pullman & Comley LLC on behalf of Greenskies Clean Energy ("Petitioner") has contacted the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") Bureau of Natural Resources and informed us of the intention to file a petition for a declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council. Petitioner proposes to construct a solar photovoltaic facility with a capacity of two or more megawatts, to be located at 227 Broom Bridge Road, North Stonington, CT 06359 ("Site").

No core forested acres will be impacted by the installation of the solar panels, associated systems and site work involved with this proposed project. Pursuant to Sec. 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources staff have reviewed documents submitted by the Petitioner concerning this proposed project, which include a site map dated July 10, 2020 with an email dated August 7, 2020 prepared by Lee D. Hoffman, Attorney for Pullman & Comley LLC.

In conducting such review of the proposed project, DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources has determined that such proposed project, as represented in the above mentioned documents **will not** materially affect the status of such Site as core forest.

Nothing in this letter relieves the Petitioner of other obligations under applicable federal, state, and local law that may be necessary as part of the proposed project design and implementation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 860-424-3010, or by mail at 79 Elm Street, Sixth Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

Connecticut is one of the most heavily forested states in America. Our forests clean our air and water, shelter our wildlife, sequester carbon, contribute tens of millions of dollars to our economy, and add immeasurably to the quality of our lives. Yet every day, our forests are under threat. Invasive insects

and diseases and our dense and growing human population continue to stress our forests in unprecedented ways. Thank you for helping us to conserve a healthy core forest for future generations, providing public transparency and working to make thoughtful development choices.

Sincerely,

Rick Jacobson, Chief

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