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Via Email & Federal Express

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

Re:

Petitions 1422 and 1463 – CF Mulnite, LLC

Town of East Windsor Applications for Party Status

Dear Members of the Connecticut Siting Council:

Enclosed please find the Town of East Windsor's Applications for Party Status in connection with the above matters. Originals and 15 copies is being sent via Federal Express.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Decrescenzo, Esq.

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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

CF MULNITE LLC DECLARATORY RULING,	)	
PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL	)	
STATUTES §4-176 AND §16-50k, FOR THE	)	
§ PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE	)	PETITION NO. 1422
AND OPERATION OF A 4.99-MEGAWATT AC	)	
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC	)	
GENERATING FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT	)	
MULNITE FARMS, INC. OFF BARBER HILL	)	
ROAD WEST OF THE INTERSECTION WITH	)	FEBRUARY 26, 2024
ROCKVILLE ROAD, EAST WINDSOR,	)	
CONNECTICUT AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL	L)	
INTERCONNECTION		

#### **APPLICATION FOR PARTY STATUS**

Pursuant to General Statutes §§ 16-50n and 4-177a, as well as §§ 16-50j-17 and 16-50j-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Town of East Windsor ("Town"), through counsel, respectfully requests that the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), grant the Town party status in Petition No. 1422, Motion of CF Mulnite LLC to Reopen and Modify the Decisions in Petition No. 1422 ("Petition"), filed by CF Mulnite, LLC ("Petitioner"). In support of this Application, the Town states as follows:

- 1. The proposed 4.99 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility ("Project") is proposed within the legal boundaries of the Town.
- 2. By virtue of the Home Rule Act, General Statutes § 7-148 *et seq.*, and its organic legislation, the Town is obligated to preserve the public welfare and wellbeing of its inhabitants.
- 3. The Town has promulgated and continues to enforce land use regulations as well as other environmental regulations in furtherance of its duties.

- 4. It is the Town's imperative to ensure that any development, including the proposed Project, comports to and is in harmony with the Town's land use and environmental regulations as well as other policies of the Town, including, but not limited to, the impact of the Project on environmental resources, nearby residential neighborhoods, aesthetics and historical preservation.
- 5. The Town's participation as a Party in this proceeding is necessary to represent the legal rights, duties and privileges of the Town and its inhabitants, which are directly impacted by the Project.
- 6. The Town seeks to participate fully in the proceedings, including but not limited to, the submission of interrogatories and documentary evidence concerning the Project, as well as present testimony and witnesses in the event the Council elects to conduct a hearing, as well as any post hearing filings or proceedings.
- 7. The Town would submit evidence concerning the conformity of the Project, or lack thereof, with the Town's land use and environmental regulations, as well as provide information concerning the Project's compliance with General Statutes § 16-50g *et seq.* and impact of the proposed Project on the Town and its inhabitants.
- 8. The Council is required to designate party status to recipients of notice under General Statutes § 16-50*l*. General Statutes § 16-50n(a). Hence, the Council is accustomed to granting party status to recipients of notice under General Statutes § 16-50*l*, which includes the municipality in which the proposed facility would be located. Although the Project does not appear to constitute a "Facility" as defined by General Statutes § 16-50*i*, the Petitioner is nevertheless obligated to provide notice to the Town in accordance with General Statutes § 16-50*l*, which it did. Regs., Conn. State Agencies § 16-50*j*-40(a). Section 16-50*l* constitutes a legislative mandate that

such recipients have a specific and personal legal interest in the subject matter of the proceeding. Accordingly, that legislative pronouncement should be applied to the Town in this proceeding. Additionally, the Town's involvement will aid the Council in reaching a fair and informed decision in the proceeding and will not interfere with the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the Town respectfully requests that the Council grant it party status in connection with the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

The Town of East Windsor

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### **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that on this day that the forgoing was delivered by electronic mail in accordance with RCSA §16-50j-12, to all parties and intervenors of record as follows:

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