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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 9, 2021

Lee D. Hoffman
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1424** - Southington Solar One, 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 4.725-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 1012 East Street, Southington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than March 30, 2021. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available. At this time, consistent with the Council's policy to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, please submit an electronic copy only to siting.council@ct.gov. However, please be advised that the Council may later request one or more hard copies for records retention purposes.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: William Herchel, Southington Solar One, LLC
Bryan Fitzgerald, Southington Solar One, LLC

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Southington Solar One, LLC

Interrogatories - Set 3
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58. Referring to Interrogatory Response 17, would livestock be allowed to graze within the designated Wildflower Pollinator Area? If so, could grazing have an adverse impact on the growth of sufficient pollinator habitat? If not, how would livestock be excluded?
59. Referring to Interrogatory response 39, what is the status of the purple milkweed translocation plan?
60. Referring to Interrogatory response 41, what areas may include a fence design with privacy slats?
61. Referring to Site Plan Sheet DN-1, Planting Detail- what is the height of the junipers at planting?
62. Can the landscaping along the southwestern fence line be extended northward?
63. Referring to Interrogatory response 53, how would site specific environmental mitigation measures be communicated to field maintenance personnel?
64. Referring to Site Plan Sheet GP-1, the southern end of the vernal pool mitigation area extends to the solar field perimeter fence. Can the vernal pool mitigation area be expanded northward to the fence line up to the stormwater basin?
65. Does the Petitioner intend to consult with the DEEP Dam Safety program regarding permitting requirements, if any, for the proposed stormwater basins?
66. Petition p. 7 states the Petitioner engaged in regular discussions with local officials and residents about the Project. How were these discussions initiated? How was the fact sheet distributed to nearby residences? How many residents responded to the fact sheet? What were their concerns and how were their concerns addressed?
67. Does the Petitioner intend to allow livestock grazing in areas adjacent to residences? Were area residents notified that livestock grazing would occur at the site?
68. If temporary electric fence is used at the site to create defined pasture areas within the solar field, what types of safety measures are in place to protect the public and emergency response personnel from electric fence shock hazards?
69. Would livestock manure affect water quality in downgradient wetlands/watercourses? How can such effects be mitigated?

70. Referring to the Department of Agriculture letter dated February 19, 2021, item 2, community garden:
- a. Where does the Petitioner anticipate establishing a community garden on the “site”? Please submit a map.
 - b. Has the Petitioner discussed implementation or entered into any agreement related to a community garden with the Town or other organization? If so, please describe the discussions and submit any agreement.
 - c. How would public access be provided to the community garden? Would it be fenced and gated? Would parking and access for emergency vehicles be available?
 - d. Would the hours of accessibility be limited or unlimited?
 - e. Will signs be posted related to the hours of accessibility, permitted and prohibited uses, etc.?
 - f. What measures are proposed to enforce security and deter vandalism?
 - g. Who would be liable for any personal injury at the community garden?
 - h. Who would be responsible for maintenance of the community garden? What type of maintenance is necessary and how frequently would maintenance activities occur?
 - i. Who would be responsible for responding to concerns and/or complaints related to the community garden?
 - j. How would the Petitioner decommission the community garden at the end of the project life?
 - k. Would ownership and control of the community garden area revert back to the property owner at the end of the project life?
71. Has the manufacturer of the proposed solar panels conducted Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) testing to determine if the panels would be characterized as hazardous waste at the time of disposal? Please submit the specifications that indicate the proposed solar modules would not be characterized as hazardous waste. If the project is approved, would the Petitioner consider installing solar modules that are not classified as hazardous waste through TCLP testing?
72. Please address the concerns outlined in the Town Planning and Zoning Commission comments dated August 27, 2020