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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 1, 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 April 8, 2021. 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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Interrogatories - Set 4
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73. Referring to Interrogatory Response 70;
- a. How many panels would be removed from the Project to accommodate the community garden?
 - b. If panels are being removed, what is the revised project output?
 - c. If there are less panels in the stormwater basin 1 drainage area, would the stormwater basin be reduced in size?
 - d. What is the water source for the community garden?
74. Referring to Interrogatory Response 66;
- a. With reference to the apiculture area, would the bees be registered with the State Entomologist for inspection pursuant to CGS section 22-89 and 22-90, and managed by a professional beekeeper?
 - b. Where would the apiculture area be located?
 - c. How would the hives be protected from nuisance wildlife, such as bears?
 - d. What requirements are necessary to maintain the apiculture area? Would it require electricity, a water source, shed or other structure for equipment storage?
75. If the project is sold and/or transferred to another entity, would the sale and/or transfer include management and maintenance of the agricultural co-uses, including, but not limited to, the community garden, apiculture area, pollinator area and vernal pool mitigation area? Please explain.
76. Petition p, 30 states the perimeter security fence would be raised six inches above grade to allow for the state-listed spotted turtle to move freely into the solar array area. Would the livestock co-use plan require a fence flush with the ground? If so, how would this effect turtle movement/habitat?
77. Given that the access road to the site crosses and extends along a wetland area, what measures would be employed to protect the wetlands, spotted turtles and other wildlife from mortality from increased access road use/vehicle parking as a result of the establishment of a community garden?
78. Could the lease agreement with the property owner be amended to remove the community garden area from the solar facility "site," as defined under Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies section 16-50j-2a(29)?