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**Via Electronic Mail**

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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New Britain, CT 06051  
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**Re: PETITION NO. 1426 – DG Connecticut Solar, III, 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 4.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located west of the Ellington town boundary at 341 East Road, East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

DG Connecticut Solar III, LLC (“DGCS III” or the “Company”) received the Connecticut Siting Council’s (the “Council”) correspondence dated June 25, 2024 related to concerns regarding sheep at the East Windsor Solar Project, a 4.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 341 East Road, East Windsor (the “Project”). As mentioned in the Council’s correspondence, DGCS III submitted a Sheep Grazing Plan that was approved by the Council on July 29, 2021 as part of the Development & Management Plan (“D&M Plan”). This serves as the Company’s written response to the following Council questions regarding the Sheep Grazing Plan:

***1. Who is the sheep manager?***

- The sheep manager is Natalie Cohen with Hillview Farms.

***2. When (days and times) does the sheep manager visit the flock?***

- The sheep manager or a delegate does a full walk through of the flock 2-3 times per week. This is done early AM or evening when the sheep are more active. A

full walk through is increased to daily checks during periods of hot weather (over 90 degrees/NOAA heat index warned) or after a storm/wind event.

- Currently, they are also driving by daily for a gate stop to verify fence is up, the gates secure and no sheep are in distress or unusual activity.

**3. Confirm the frequency of fresh water being brought to the site; and**

- The sheep have an automatic water system, two types of minerals and electrolytes and plenty of forage. The amount of water and forage are documented each visit, replaced as needed, and photos taken for supporting evidence.

**4. Provide a photograph of the signage displayed at the entrance gate the includes emergency contact information for the sheep manager.**

- The below signage is posted at the Project's main entrance gate and includes the sheep manager's phone number.



The sheep manager also provided the following related information that I thought would be helpful to the Council's information request.

- Storm or rain isn't a criteria for checking sheep, but the sheep manager will increase daily checks during excessively hot weather as noted above.
- In hot weather the sheep will stay in the shade and not graze till sundown and may appear distressed "lying flat," but sheep do sleep lying down and in small groups.
- A group of younger sheep were recently added and will vocalize with each other and the herd in tall grass to locate one another or if a person approaches the fence line (expecting feed or treats). A few in this group are current and former 4-H project animals and friendly so will vocalize if they hear people or see people along the security fence. They will go back to quiet grazing once you leave their line of sight or exit the enclosure.
- In July, the sheep manager plans to schedule a large animal vet to go on site to do an assessment of animal health similar to prior years and make recommendations if needed.
- The sheep manager will also do a mid-season hands on assessment for sheep condition, any vaccination boosters, parasite screening, and shearing, if necessary,

for slow shedding animals (hair sheep lose their wool naturally some just shed slower).

Please let us know if you need any additional information or have additional questions with respect to the Sheep Grazing Plan or the Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tracy Backer

Copy to: Service List, Spencer Woodward