

July 29, 2025

Via Electronic Mail

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
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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:

This correspondence serves as DG Connecticut Solar III, LLC's ("DG III" or the "Company") response to the Connecticut Siting Council's (the "Council") July 17, 2025 correspondence related to the above captioned East Windsor Solar Facility (the "Facility"), requesting information related to vegetation management at the Facility.

Below is a summary of the details related to vegetation management at the Facility.

- The project replaced approximately 30 trees impacted by the March 2025 incident.
- Annual vegetation management:
 - Machine mowing of the road frontage on East Road and Middle Road is expected to occur at least bi-weekly or as otherwise needed depending on vegetation conditions. This mowing will occur annually during the growing season from approximately April to the end of September.
 - For this year (2025), the mowing has been completed for the week of July 13th and will continue through the end of September.
 - Annual hand trimming of the tree area and security fence frontage on East Road and Middle Road will occur on the same schedule as the mowing above.
- Replacement of Plantings:
 - There are a number of plantings that have naturally not been successful, and the Facility is planning to replace about 60 trees during the fall season. The Company is working to contract for replacement of these trees. Planting in either the fall or spring is recommended to ensure the greatest chance of survival.
 - The Company plans to assess Facility vegetation bi-annually and replace any dead vegetation during the relevant growing season - either the spring or the fall.

The Company is also aware of several third-party complaints to the Council regarding a recent outage at the Facility. The Company was notified through internal monitoring part of the Facility went offline and a technician was sent to investigate the issue within 24 hours. The issue has since been corrected as of the date of this letter and the facility is back in normal operation. All the solar project's equipment operated as expected by going offline in this scenario and did not pose a risk to the public. The balance of the Facility was inspected and no further issues identified.

Please let us know if any additional information is needed.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracy L. Backer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tracy L. Backer
Managing Attorney

Cc: Service List, David Bogan