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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 29, 2022

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1426** – DG Connecticut Solar, III, LLC 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, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of email correspondence, dated March 27, 2022, from East Windsor First Selectman Jason Bowsza, on behalf of the resident at 6 Jessie Lane in East Windsor, who is located to the north of Middle Road and the above-referenced solar facility. The correspondence (attached) expresses concerns regarding noise emissions from operation of the facility.

Following up on your January 21, 2022 correspondence that was submitted in response to concerns about noise from the residents at 67 and 69 Middle Road in East Windsor,<sup>1</sup> the calculated noise emissions from operation of the inverters and transformers were 44.7 dBA at the property line directly perpendicular to the inverters. This noise level is in compliance with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Noise Control Standards. However, it was also mentioned that the developer of the solar project was reviewing options to potentially install a sound barrier inside the fence line close to the electrical equipment to further dampen the sound from the solar project.

Please submit written correspondence to the Council by close of business on April 1, 2022 that provides an update regarding the potential noise mitigation measures considered by the developer of the solar project.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie A. Bachman'.

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

c: Tracy Backer, Esq. DG Connecticut Solar III, LLC ([Tracy.Backer@nexteraenergy.com](mailto:Tracy.Backer@nexteraenergy.com))  
The Honorable Jason Bowsza, First Selectman, Town of East Windsor ([jbowsza@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:jbowsza@eastwindsorct.com))

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<sup>1</sup> As counsel for the developer and EPC responsible for the solar project.

**From:** Jason Bowsza <[jbowsza@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:jbowsza@eastwindsorct.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2022 11:26 AM

**To:** [rylev@ymail.com](mailto:rylev@ymail.com)

**Cc:** Bachman, Melanie <[Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov](mailto:Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov)>; Lee D. Hoffman <[lhoffman@pullcom.com](mailto:lhoffman@pullcom.com)>; William Herchel <[wherchel@verogy.com](mailto:wherchel@verogy.com)>

**Subject:** Re: [East Windsor CT] Nuisance noise from solar farm on Middle Road (Sent by Richard Levesque, [rylev@ymail.com](mailto:rylev@ymail.com))

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Good morning Mr. Levesque,

Thank you for sharing your experience and concerns regarding the solar project located at Middle and East Roads.

First, a point of clarification: the Town did NOT approve of the solar project you reference. That is a state-sited project, and they have sovereignty. In fact, the Town and the project developer were unable to come to terms on a tax agreement. As such, we have not been supportive of this project.

I have copied the responsible parties on this email. The developer has made assurances that noise mitigation would be installed, and that a plan for that would be shared with the Town. As of this writing, no such plan has been provided to us.

During the siting process, I noted my concerns - which you echoed- about disruption to the neighborhood. I know the developers were responsible for notifying abutting property owners. I stressed that they should go beyond that. I don't know if they decided to or not.

One thing that would be helpful would be to share a decibel reading from your property line. You can send the results to the service list on this email.

I'm sorry for the impact this is having on your home. Please let me know if there is anything I can do, while keeping in mind that this project is solely in the jurisdiction of the state.

Jason E. Bowsza  
First Selectman  
Town of East Windsor  
11 Rye Street  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

On Mar 27, 2022, at 9:27 AM, Contact form at East Windsor CT <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)> wrote:

Hello jbowsza,

Richard Levesque ([rylev@ymail.com](mailto:rylev@ymail.com)) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/user/50/contact>) at East Windsor CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/user/50/edit>.

Message:

Dear First Selectman Bowsza, my name is Richard Levesque, and I live at 6 Jessie Lane in Broad Brook. I own one of 22 new homes built in the last 3 years that includes homes on Middle Rd, East Rd, and Jessie Lane. As you are aware, the town approved and built a solar farm on the corner of Middle Rd and East Rd. I support clean energy such as this project, and in fact have solar panels on my home. However, no one was made aware during the hearings that this solar farm would generate such a high frequency noise that could be heard all day long. In speaking with my neighbors on Middle Rd, I understand that they have contacted you to file a complaint, but want you to also be aware that this noise goes far beyond Middle Rd. I had this home built and moved to Broad Brook almost 3 years ago in preparation for retirement. My wife and I chose this area because it was a quiet neighborhood and not far from our daughters and grand kids. We just recently made a significant investment in a patio and fire pit so we could further enjoy our backyard. We love this neighborhood, and our neighbors have become a close friends. I retired at the end of 2021, and plan on spending more time outside planting a garden. I didn't realize how annoying this noise coming from the solar farm is till recently when I was able to work outside with some warm weather. I don't know if you have personally witnessed this sound, but it makes it very difficult to spend time outside without getting a headache. We can no longer sit outside for any duration during the day in the back yard and enjoy ourselves. I would like to know when this noise issue will be resolved. The warmer weather will be here soon, and this will become a bigger neighborhood issue the longer it drags on. Thanks for your time.