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Subject: Re: Petition No. 1431 Council Interrogatories to Petitioner Set 2

Lisa,

Attached are SunJet Energy, LLC's responses to the Second Set of Interrogatories.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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Petition No. 1431
SunJet Energy, LLC- Bethlehem

RESPONSE

Interrogatories – Set 2
January 12, 2021

61. The module tracker system is described on Petition p. 13 as a vertical axis tracking system with a fixed horizontal panel tilt angle of 55 degrees. The module tracker system specification sheet in Petition Exhibit E is a for a horizontal tracker system that allows for multiple horizontal panel tilt angles. Please clarify what type of tracker system will be installed at the site.

Single-axis horizontal tracker system with multiple horizontal panel tilt angles +/- 55 degrees.

62. Referring to Interrogatory Response 32 and Petition pp. 14-17, were the on-site wetlands field delineated? If so, when was the field study conducted? What are the qualifications of the individual(s) that performed the wetland delineation and vernal pool investigations?

Yes, the on-site wetlands were field delineated. The wetlands were delineated on April 25, 2019, on the same day as the first vernal pool inspection. The wetland delineation and vernal pool investigations were completed by an All-Points Technology Corporation Professional Soil Scientist.

63. Referring to Council Interrogatory Response 52, where is excess cut being disposed of on the property?

The Petitioner is working with the landowner on a final location to dispose of the excess cut material north of Wetland one and outside the 100' upland review area. Excess soil will be permanently stabilized per the 2002 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines.

64. Referring to Petition p. 13, was a response received from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the August 14, 2020 Heritage Consultants submittal? If so, please submit SHPO's response.

Please see response from SHPO attached.

65. Referring to Interrogatory response 41, did SunJet submit a revised filing to SHPO to account for project site modifications?

Yes, the Petitioner submitted a revised filing to account for the project side modifications.



Department of Economic and
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State Historic Preservation Office

January 14, 2021

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Subject: Phase IA Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Survey and Addendum
Sunjet Solar
78 Thompson Road
Bethlehem, Connecticut
ENV-21-0376

Dear Mr. George:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the cultural resource reconnaissance survey and addendum prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage), dated May 2020 and August 13, 2020, respectively. The proposed activities are under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council and are subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The proposed undertaking includes the construction of a solar facility, which is to occupy an approximately 14.5 acre project area within a larger 73.2 acre parcel. The parcel is bordered to the north by wetlands, to the east by a residential neighborhood, to the south by Thompson Road, and to the west by wooded areas. Access is to be from the south, through crushed stone drive originating from Thompson Road. The submitted report is well-written, comprehensive, and meet the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

Four previously recorded archaeological sites are located within 1 mile of the project area; however, none will be impacted by the undertaking. three properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are located within one mile of the project area: the Bethlehem Green Historic District (NR# 82001001), the Joseph Bellamy House (NR# 82004444), and the Caleb Martin House (NR# 96000427). One property listed on the State Register of Historic Places is also located within 1 mile of the project area: the Old Post Tavern – Isaac Hill House; however, none of these resources will be impacted by the proposed undertaking.

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Following a pedestrian survey, it was determined that the eastern portion of the project area, approximately 4.9 acres, was characterized as having low slopes, well-drained soils, little evidence of disturbance, and proximity to fresh water sources, and therefore, retained a moderate to high potential to contain intact archaeological deposits. A Phase IB reconnaissance survey of that area was recommended.

Based on the issuance of the recommendation above, an addendum to the Phase IA was prepared, which described the reconfiguration of the proposed solar farm: the solar field has been shifted west to occupy areas that were assessed as having low potential to contain intact archaeological deposits, as well as eliminating the facility from the viewshed of a potential historic resource opposite Thompson Road. The access road has also been moved to utilize an existing gravel driveway, previously disturbed.

As a result of the information submitted, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project area is not warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities. However, please be advised that if construction plans change to include previously uninvestigated/undisturbed areas, this office should be contacted for additional consultation.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or marena.wisniewski@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Kinney". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Kinney
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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