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May 10, 2023

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1442** - SR Litchfield, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 19.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 6 contiguous parcels located both east and west of Wilson Road south of the intersection with Litchfield Town Farm Road in Litchfield, Connecticut, and both east and west of Rossi Road, south of the intersection with Highland Avenue in Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Partial Development and Management Plan II.**

Dear Attorney Schaefer:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than May 24, 2023. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the May 24, 2023 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

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,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: Service List dated March 26, 2021

Petition No. 1442
SR Litchfield, LLC
Solar Facility -Litchfield and Torrington

Partial D&M Plan II
Interrogatories
May 10, 2023

1. Referring to the revised Spill Prevention and Response Plan (Attachment E):
 - a. Do the transformers have a leak detection system such as an alarm? If not, how are leaks detected?
 - b. The transformers at the site would contain FR-3 oil. Describe the environmental hazards, if any, on soil and water resources if FR-3 oil leaked from a transformer.

2. Referring to the Landscaping Plan Sheet LD-101 (Attachment B), the final seed mix specifies only turf grasses for the entire site. In the response to Petition Interrogatory 51, dated April 16, 2021, several types of seed mix were proposed for specific areas of the site such as a grass and forb pollinator mix, Northeast Solar Pollinator Buffer Mix, New England Conservation/Wildlife mix, New England Erosion Control/Restoration mix for Detention Basins and Moist Sites mix. Explain why only a turf grass mix is proposed for all areas of the site. Can low height wildflower species be incorporated into the solar field turf mix?

3. Referring to the Landscaping Plan Sheet LD-101 (Attachment B), will the American Holly be 15 feet in height at planting? In the response to Petition Interrogatory 54, dated April 2, 2021, the plantings were to be installed in staggered arrangement; however, the landscape plan shows a linear arrangement. Explain.