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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.

Dear Attorney Schaefer:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than January 5, 2022. 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 January 5, 2022 deadline.

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

MB/RM

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

Partial D&M Plan (Phase 1)
Interrogatories

1. Has the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Stormwater Program issued a Stormwater Permit for the proposed site? If not, has there been any consultation with the DEEP Stormwater program to determine if site layout modifications are necessary to accommodate the proposed stormwater management system? Would any such modifications alter the proposed tree clearing plan?
2. In its September 23, 2021 Decision, the Council required SRL to increase the setback to the property at 1119 Highland Avenue in Torrington (Declaratory Ruling Item 2a.) The submitted tree clearing plan (Site Plan C-301) shows that the Project limit of disturbance remains along the property line. Submit a revised plan that depicts a larger buffer to this property line and any additional clearing necessary to support the larger buffer.
3. The tree clearing phasing plan, Section C, describes the installation of limited erosion and sedimentation controls. Submit a site plan that details what type of and where erosion controls will be established. How would such controls be established if the ground is frozen?
4. The tree clearing plan indicates stumps would be removed throughout the project area. Will erosion and sedimentation controls be established in all areas downgradient of grubbing operations?
5. The Phasing narrative states erosion control will be prioritized along the east side of Area 4 due to downgradient wetlands/watercourses. Provide more information as to what additional erosion and sedimentation control measures would be used in this area.
6. Referring to Partial D&M Plan, Section I. d., what is the status of the DEEP NDDDB final determination letter? In addition to the two bat species, would tree clearing and/or site disturbance restrictions also be required for the other NDDDB-listed species that were identified on-site?