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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 8, 2021

The Honorable Denise Raap  
First Selectman, Town of Litchfield  
Town Office Building  
74 West Street  
Litchfield, CT 06759  
[1stselectman@townoflitchfield.org](mailto:1stselectman@townoflitchfield.org)

RE: **PETITION NO. 1442** - SR Litchfield, 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 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 First Selectman Raap:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Litchfield's correspondence dated March 6, 2021, concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](http://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

Your comments shall become part of the official record in this matter in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n. Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the petitioner and parties and intervenors to the petition.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Service List dated February 8, 2021  
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**From:** [1st Selectman](#)  
**To:** [CSC-DL Siting Council](#); [Baldwin, Kenneth](#)  
**Cc:** [Ron Viola](#); [Ann Combs](#); [Mike Rybak](#); [Dennis Tobin](#); [Bob Blazek](#); [Carol Bramley](#)  
**Subject:** SR Litchfield, LLC  
**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 1:41:26 PM

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Ms. Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

March 6, 2021

Dear Ms Melanie A. Bachman,

The Town of Litchfield acknowledges the receipt of Petition No. 1442 - SR Litchfield, LLC. Please note that receipt was delayed because the email on record at the CSC was incorrect. On February 16, 2021, Lisa A. Matthews, confirmed my request to update the Litchfield First Selectman's email to [1stselectman@townoflitchfield.org](mailto:1stselectman@townoflitchfield.org) for future electronic correspondence.

At the Litchfield Board of Selectman meeting, held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, it was requested that the First Selectman write to you to point out areas that Litchfield requests the CSC to be mindful of as they investigate and analyze this petition.

As noted in the Silicon Ranch evaluation, this property has been identified as land, previously used for farming, consisting now of mostly open grass fields and wooded areas. Although the site is abutted by low density residential development, I request that the CSC provide reasonable protection for the abutting property owners (Ronald M. Viola, 68 Wilson Rd., Litchfield, CT) and keep in mind the protection of watercourses, wetlands and natural habitats that are outlined as a high priority in Litchfield's Plan of Conservation and Development [https://municipal-documents.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/litchfield-ct/land-use/documents/generals/73/pocd\\_implementation.pdf](https://municipal-documents.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/litchfield-ct/land-use/documents/generals/73/pocd_implementation.pdf) .

I also request that the Litchfield Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland/Wetland Commission's regulations be referenced and adhered to as this project moves forward to protect the Town of Litchfield's land interests, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Denise Raap  
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