

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 25, 2021

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RE:

**PETITION NO. 1443** - SR North Stonington, 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 9.9-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on five parcels located north and south of Providence New London Turnpike (State Route 184), west of Boombridge Road and north of Interstate 95 in North Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

## Dear Attorney Avena:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of North Stonington's Request to Extend the Public Comment Period and Request for a Public Hearing dated March 24, 2021, for the above-referenced petition.

The Request for a Public Hearing will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda, a copy of which will be sent to you. You will be notified of the Council's determination immediately thereafter.

With regard to the Request to Extend the Public Comment Period, the Council hereby grants the request for an extension of time to **April 26, 2021**.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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c: Service List dated February 26, 2021

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Subject: Petition Number 1443, North Stonington Ct , SR North Stonington , LLC

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Dear Attorney Bachman: As Town Attorney for the Town of North Stonington, please add me to the service list on the above referenced project. I am be acting as the attorney for the town on this project, together with the Town Planner, Juliet Hodge. On behalf of the town planner and its first selectman, I am requesting the Siting Council consider and grant a 30 day extension for the town to submit its complete written comments to this proposed project and the applicant's submitted plans. The town is seeking to retain a third party soil and wetlands expert to assist the town in reviewing the proposed project and its impacts on the extensive natural wetlands, streams, and brooks on the property, and to provide alternative solutions and buffers to these natural resources for the proposed layout of the solar panels. In addition, due to extensive questions and concerns from neighboring residences to the portion of the project north of Route 184, and a portion west of residential neighbors on Boombridge Road, the town hereby requests that a public hearing be held on this petition to hear and consider testimony on this application, Rob Avena, Esq.

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