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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 10, 2024

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1443A** - SR North Stonington, LLC Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the 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. **Motion for Protective Order – R.C.S.A §16-50j-62 Final Report.**

Dear Attorney Schaefer:

At a public meeting held on October 10, 2024, the Connecticut Siting Council granted SR North Stonington, LLC's Motion for Protective Order, dated October 2, 2024, related to the disclosure of construction cost information contained within the Final Report for this facility, pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-62(d), on the basis that it contains confidential, proprietary information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman".

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated October 3, 2024

**PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING PROVISION OF CONFIDENTIAL
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FILED IN PETITION NO. 1443A**

WHEREAS, as required by Section 16-50j-62(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (“RCSA”), SR North Stonington, LLC (“Petitioner”) is filing with the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) the final report for each of Petition No. 1443A;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCSA Section 16-50j-62(c)(5), the final report must identify the actual construction cost of the facility, including, but not limited to, the following costs: (A) clearing and access; (B) construction of the facility and associated equipment; (C) rehabilitation; and (D) property acquisition for the site or access to the site;

WHEREAS, such actual construction cost information contains information and data that would, in the opinion of Petitioner result in the disclosure of: (a) Petitioner’s confidential, proprietary, or otherwise sensitive commercial and financial information that is given in confidence and not required by statute under Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-210(b)(5)(B), and (b) Petitioner’s trade secrets under Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-210(b)(5)(A) (“Confidential Information”); and

WHEREAS, RCSA Section 16-50j-62(d) expressly permits a facility owner or operator to file a motion for a protective order pertaining to commercial or financial information in a final report.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the following procedure is adopted for the protection of Petitioner’s Confidential Information.

1. All Confidential Information provided by Petitioner, whether in documentary form or otherwise, shall be identified as follows: “CONFIDENTIAL-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN PETITION NO. 1443A” and will be governed by the terms of this Protective Order (the “Order”). The Order is applicable to all such Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, data, testimony, studies or otherwise.
2. Confidential Information shall be marked as such and delivered in sealed envelopes to Melanie Bachman, Executive Director of the Council. A statement in the following form shall be placed prominently on each envelope:

CONFIDENTIAL-PROPRIETARY

This envelope is not to be opened nor the contents thereof displayed or revealed except pursuant to the Protective Order issued in connection with Petition No. 1443A.

3. All Confidential Information shall be made available pursuant to this Order to commissioners and staff of the Council for review.
4. All such commissioners and staff to this protective order agree to be bound by its terms and shall not use or disclose the Confidential Information except for purposes of this proceeding.

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By 
Executive Director

Dated: October 10, 2024