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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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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 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. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Dear Attorney Schaefer:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melanie Bachman'.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: Service List dated December 20, 2021

MB/MP

Petition No. 1443A
SR North Stonington, LLC
Solar Facility – North Stonington

Partial D&M Plan I
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?
2. Have there been any consultation with the DEEP Stormwater program regarding the potential impacts of sheep grazing at the site, including, but not limited to, water quality impacts from animal waste? Would there be any required site layout modifications associated with stormwater design and/or hosting sheep at the site that would alter the proposed tree clearing plan?
3. Page 2 of Partial Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan) I states that, “SNRS expects that CT DEEP will issue its Stormwater Permit imminently and will provide a copy of the approved permit prior to removing any tree stumps.” Page 3 of Partial D&M Plan I notes that, “SRNS will submit a copy of the Stormwater Permit, to the Council prior to commencing any Phase I activities.” Is it correct to say that no trees would be removed and no erosion and sedimentation (E&S) controls would be installed until after a Stormwater Permit has been submitted to the Council?
4. Referencing page 4 of Partial D&M Plan I, please respond to the following:
 - a) Provide details as to how site stabilization of disturbed areas will be determined prior to the beginning of construction.
 - b) Define growing season. Has the DEEP Stormwater program established a growing season for this project? If yes, provide detail.
5. Referencing page 3 of Partial D&M Plan I, E&S controls would be installed for the tree cutting areas of the Eastern Array. Would E&S controls also be installed for the tree cutting areas of the Western Array? Submit a site plan that details the type(s) of and location(s) of E&S controls that would be established for Partial D&M Plan I.
6. Would the Eastern Array be accessed from the existing farm access drive for Partial D&M Plan I work? What upgrades, if any, would occur to the existing farm access drive to facilitate Western Array Partial D&M Plan I activities? Referencing page 3 of the Partial D&M Plan I, describe the installation of the Western Array driveway entrance off of Route 184.