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Re: Petition No. 1444

Dear Attorney Bachman:

This office represents CP NB Solar I, LLC and CP NB Solar II, LLC ("Petitioners"). On behalf of Petitioners, I have enclosed one original and fifteen copies of their submission in accordance with the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council") Declaratory Ruling in the above-captioned matter, dated June 4, 2021 ("Ruling"). This submission includes a partial Development and Management ("D&M") Plan in accordance with § 16-50j-60 et seq. and certain compliance documentation pursuant to the Ruling. Specifically, the submission includes the following:

- A final structural design for the racking system stamped by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut in compliance with Condition Number 2 of the Ruling. Solar PV Ground Mount Structural Calculations are appended hereto as <a href="Attachment 1">Attachment 1</a>. The Anchor Test Report is appended hereto as <a href="Attachment 2">Attachment 2</a>.
- A partial D&M Plan pursuant to Condition Number 4, which includes the following:
  - A revised site plan reflecting the parcel subdivision identified in the Superior Court Stipulated Judgment with the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("DEEP")(see Survey);
  - o Final landscaping plan (see SP-1 and DN-1); and
  - o A revised Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan that includes complete contact information (see GN-2).

The partial D&M Plan is appended hereto as <u>Attachment 3</u>.

• A revised Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure ("TCLP") Assessment report specific to the selected solar panel model. This report confirms that the modules are not hazardous waste. The TCLP Report is appended hereto as Attachment 4.

Petitioners previously submitted a compliance letter, dated September 17, 2021, concerning Condition Number 3 relating to the approved DEEP Stormwater Permit. The Council acknowledged compliance on September 24, 2021.

This letter also offers the following information to establish compliance with the Ruling.

## I. Consultation with The United Illuminating Company

The Council recommended that Petitioners "consult with The United Illuminating Company to reduce the visual impacts of riser/meter poles . . . ." Petitioners were able to coordinate with The United Illuminating Company ("UI") to reduce the overall visual impact of the utility interconnection. The original design included five poles; however, after consultation with UI, the final design is now four poles. Additionally, the original design specified a cluster of poles rather than a linear breakup as shown in the final design as submitted herein.

## **II.** Modification of Project Limits to Increase Setbacks

Condition Number 4 requires, *inter alia*, a "modification of fence lines/limits of disturbance to increase property line setbacks, if feasible." Petitioners designed the Project to maximize setbacks while not impacting the overall capacity in light of their obligations under Virtual Net Metering (VNM) and Low Emissions Renewable Energy Certificate (LREC) agreements. To minimize views of the Project, Petitioners designed a robust landscaping plan along with the pollinators that would surround much of the Project as part of the Town of North Branford's Sunflower Project. Petitioners evaluated whether the limits of the Project could be curtailed even more and determined that it was not feasible.

Petitioners respectfully requests that the Council include this partial D&M Plan submission for review and approval on the next available agenda. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Jesse A. Langer

Enclosures

cc: The Town Manager, Michael Paulhus (via email) WHAT TF LLC (via email)

