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Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

cc: Lee D. Hoffman, Attorney

Pullman & Comley LLC 90 State House Square Hartford, CT 06103-3702

RE: Greenskies Clean Energy

Proposed 4.99 MW (AC) Solar Array – Mulnite Farms (Phase 11)

Intersection of Rockville Road and Barber Hill Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

Dear Ms. Bachman,

Lee D. Hoffman, Attorney for Pullman & Comley LLC on behalf of Greenskies Clean Energy ("Petitioner") has contacted the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") Bureau of Natural Resources and informed us of the intention to file a petition for a declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council. Petitioner proposes to construct a solar photovoltaic facility with a capacity of two or more megawatts, to be located at the intersection of Rockville Road and Barber Hill Road, East Windsor, CT 06088 ("Site").

Pursuant to Sec. 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources staff have reviewed documents submitted by the Petitioner concerning this proposed project, which include a site map dated July 9, 2021 with an email dated July 15, 2021 prepared by Lee D. Hoffman, Attorney for Pullman & Comley LLC.

In conducting such review of the proposed project, DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources has determined that such proposed project, as represented in the above-mentioned documents **will not** materially affect the status of such Site as core forest.

Nothing in this letter relieves the Petitioner of other obligations under applicable federal, state, and local law that may be necessary as part of the proposed project design and implementation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 860-424-3010, or by mail at 79 Elm Street, Sixth Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

Connecticut is one of the most heavily forested states in America. Our forests clean our air and water, shelter our wildlife, sequester carbon, contribute tens of millions of dollars to our economy, and add immeasurably to the quality of our lives. Yet every day, our forests are under threat. Invasive insects and diseases and our dense and growing human population continue to stress our forests in

unprecedented ways. Thank you for helping us to conserve a healthy core forest for future generations, providing public transparency and working to make thoughtful development choices.

Sincerely,

Rick Jacobson, Chief

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