

January 29, 2021

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

cc: Amberli Young, Project Manager
[Community Power Group](#)
5653 Connecticut Avenue, #42729
Washington, DC 20015

RE: 24 Middle Solar Facility
Proposed 4.0 MW (AC) Solar Array – 24 Middle Road, Ellington, CT 06029

Dear Ms. Bachman,

Amberli Young, Project Manager of Community Power Group (“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 24 Middle Road, Ellington, CT 06029 (“Site”).

No core forested acres will be impacted by the installation of the solar panels, associated systems and site work involved with this proposed project. 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 includes a site map dated January 27, 2021 attached to an email dated January 27, 2021 prepared by Amberli Young, the Petitioner.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Jacobson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Rick Jacobson, Chief
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