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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 5, 2023

TO: Service List, dated January 31, 2023

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1558** – Community Power Group LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Comments have been received from the Connecticut Airport Authority on April 4, 2023. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

MB/RDM/lm

c: Council Members



TO: Brian Golembiewski, Connecticut Siting Council
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FROM: Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA)

DATE: April 4, 2023

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Dear Distinguished Members of the Connecticut Siting Council and Executive Director Bachman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding Petition No. 1558.

While the CAA is grateful that the applicant has done a preliminary review of its responsibilities related to nearby airports, and despite that the completed project will stand fewer than 15 feet high, it is worth nothing that the construction methodology may still require a further review. If the applicant plans to use a small crane, excavator, or other tall equipment, the applicant must file an FAA Form 7460 to ensure that the project does not jeopardize aircraft operating at Ellington Airport or Skylark Airport.

Additionally, since this project would entail the construction of solar panels in close proximity to two airports, the CAA respectfully requests that the applicant conduct a glare study related to nearby aircraft operations. The applicant appears to have conducted a glare study regarding vehicles operating on nearby roadways, but no such glare study was conducted regarding nearby aircraft.

The CAA thanks the Council and the applicant for their time and attention regarding matters of aviation safety.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 860-292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin A. Dillon'.

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.
Executive Director
Connecticut Airport Authority