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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 2, 2023

Lisa M. Houlihan
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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.

Dear Lisa Houlihan:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated March 1, 2023, for the above-referenced petition.

The Request for a Public Hearing will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda, a copy of which will be sent to you. You will be notified of the Council's determination immediately thereafter.

Please contact our office at 860-827-2935 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Council Members
Service List, dated January 31, 2023

From: Lisa Houlihan <LHoulihan@ELLINGTON-CT.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Cc: Dorian R. Famiglietti (DFamiglietti@kjc-law.com) <dfamiglietti@kjc-law.com>; Lori Spielman <Lspielman@ELLINGTON-CT.GOV>
Subject: Petition 1558 - Community Power Group - 24 Middle Road
Importance: High

Dear Melanie,

This regards Petition 1558 for a proposed 4MW solar facility at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, CT. On February 2, 2023, the Ellington Planning Department received notice from the Community Power Group notifying the Ellington Planning and Zoning Commission (EPZC) about intent to file with the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) for declaratory ruling. The EPZC is comprised of elected and appointed volunteers and due to fixed meeting schedules the first opportunity to discuss Petition 1558 was Monday, February 27, 2023. At the meeting, the EPZC reviewed the notice and proposed site plan (copies enclosed) and expressed the following concerns:

1. Improper location.
2. Safety concerns regarding proposed point of access.
3. Noise concerns regarding the proposed location of inverters.
4. Impact to property value and general welfare of abutting residents regarding proposed setbacks and landscaping.

The EPZC respectfully requests additional time to review and comment on the proposed solar facility. Moreover, at this past Monday's meeting, approximately a dozen residents representing eight separate households in proximity to the proposed solar facility addressed the EPZC. The EPZC respectfully requests the CSC hold a public meeting to give abutters to the proposed facility an opportunity to address the CSC directly.

Thank you in advance for your time and guidance.
Respectfully yours,

Lisa

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