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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 23, 2023

Robin Chesky
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1572** – East Windsor Solar Two, 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 4.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 31 Thrall Road, East Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Robin Chesky:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated May 23, 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

MB/MP/laf

c: Service List dated May 8, 2023

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The Honorable Carol Hall, State Representative – 59th District carol.hall@housegop.ct.gov

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The Honorable Jason Bowsza, First Selectman, Town of East Windsor

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Subject: Public Hearing Request Petition 1572

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Good morning Ms. Bachman,

I am writing to request an in-person public hearing held in the town of East Windsor CT for public comments on Petition 1572. My request is that this public hearing is held before the close of the Public Comment Period Deadline of June 4th. This is necessary for the Residents of East Windsor to make comment, express concerns and ask questions to the developers of this utility-scale solar project.

Some of my concerns have been captured in another letter to you sent by Christina Dahl, but I have an additional one that I am bringing forward in this letter.

Between the dates of 7/20-1/22, the Siting Council approved 4 utility-scale solar power plants in East Windsor without hearing residents' voices. Your initial thought would be "The residents of East Windsor must not care about 134MW of solar being built within a 5 mile radius in the town?" or "The residents of East Windsor must not care that they have lost over 346 acres of farmland and 330 acres of woodland within a 3 year time frame?"

I believe this is furthest from the truth. All 4 of those solar projects (Petitions-1426, 1422; 1466 and Docket #492) were initiated during a Global Health Crisis. The deadlines for public comment we're all during the height of a global public emergency. The residents of East Windsor, like the rest of the world, we're not focused on town affairs. The residents of East Windsor were focused on day-to-day necessity and survival. The world, and our lives, were in crisis.

I believe that the Solar One, Greenskies and Gravel Pit Solar all knew exactly what they were doing when they urgently pushed through these Petitions during the global public emergency. They knew that residents would be too busy to oppose this type of development. It's my personal feeling that they took advantage of the global crisis and leveraged it against the farmland, forests and residents of East Windsor.

We are now out of the global crisis and residents have a lot to say about Petition 1572. Our voices need to be heard. They have not been heard through the last 3 years of the solar siting process in East Windsor and a Public Hearing should be scheduled without further delay.

Thank you for your immediate attention to my request.

Regards,
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