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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 10, 2023

The Honorable Jorge Cabrera
State Senate – 17th District
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1583** – TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel Nos. 113-1 and 113-1-A, 428 Bethmour Road, Bethany, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Senator Cabrera:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your follow-up correspondence from May 16, 2023, concerning above-referenced Petition No. 1583 that was submitted to the Council on July 11, 2023. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

At a public meeting held on August 3, 2023, the Council voted to hold a public hearing on the petition for the benefit of the public. A schedule for the public hearing will be developed and publicly noticed in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-177(b).

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding and consider all of the concerns received from members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, July 11, 2023
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August 8, 2023

To the Connecticut Siting Council,

I write today to submit my opposition to the proposed solar facility at 428 Bethmour Road, Petition No. 1583, submitted by TRITEC Americas, LLC. This letter reflects changes in project details made since my previous letter to the council. I serve the residents of Bethany in the Connecticut State Senate, and I have personally met with my constituents and toured the area surrounding the project, which is very close to private homes.

Many Bethany residents value the natural, rural atmosphere of the town. A large industrial facility will disrupt both residents and natural environment. With increased noise and light emanating from the machinery required for this facility, many of the surrounding properties may face decreases in property value if they decide to sell due to this project, and those who stay will be forced to endure the noise and light disruptions from the facility.

Not only are residents concerned about the impact this project will have on their property values and quality of life, but they are also concerned about the impact this facility may have on the overall health of the environment and themselves. I have heard concerned from property abutters with concerns about substances at the facility seeping into their wells and water sources, as well as how this project might disrupt the wildlife within the property.

I appreciate that TRITEC Americas, LLC, has reduced the size of this proposal to a .99MW facility, however, I still do still hold concerns over this project. I understand that there have been other locations in Bethany proposed for this project, and I encourage all those involved to review those options. While I truly appreciate the importance of solar energy and the need for renewable energy sources, I do not believe this property is best suited to accommodate a project like this.

Please consider the voices of Bethany residents as you evaluate this proposal. I look forward to the decision of the Siting Council and hope that residents will be a part of that decision. If you have any questions or would like any clarification, please contact my office.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jorge Cabrera".

State Senator Jorge Cabrera

Representing Connecticut's 17th District