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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 25, 2023

Janene Batten

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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 Janene Batten:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated July 24, 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/RDM/laf

c: Service List dated July 11, 2023
Council Members

From: Janene Batten <janene41@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:14 PM

To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>

Cc: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>

Subject: Request for Hearing on Petition No. 1583 - Solar Photovoltaic Facility in Bethany, CT

Dear Ms. Bachman

I OPPOSE this project.

I am REQUESTING A HEARING on PETITION NO. 1583 for a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility at 428 Bethmour Road, Bethany, CT for the following reasons:

- Placing a commercial industry in the middle of a bucolic rural neighborhood that is zoned residential area is inappropriate. It is in opposition to the area's visual nature and will change this small town's character.
- Wildlife that naturally resides in this area will be displaced. In addition, the erection of a 7-foot fence will impede the site as a natural thoroughfare for wildlife.
- The environmental impact on the groundwater feeding residents' wells and the runoff into wetlands and streams beyond the immediate property is not without risk of contamination, despite the assertions made in the Petition.
- As an industrial eyesore, this project will erode property values for those in the abutting homes and throughout the town.
- While the facility will reside in Bethany, the project will not provide alternative energy supply to the people in the town.
- The predatory nature of the application bypassing the Town of Bethany offices both exploits and oppresses and shows a complete disregard for the inclusion of the taxpayers of Bethany.
- Allowing this kind of development within the rural town of Bethany would set a terrible precedent in this community. Who knows what would come next?
- This project is having significant anxiety and psychological distress on town residents. This anguish will only exacerbate if the project is to go ahead.

Having recently installed geothermal as an alternative energy to heat and cool my home, I am not opposed to solar or any form of green energy. I am OPPOSED to the inappropriate placement of this solar facility in a residential area.

Thank you for your time.

Dr. Janene Batten