



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 17, 2023

Linda Caruso

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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 Linda Caruso:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated July 17, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melanie Bachman'.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

MB/RDM/laf

c: Service List dated July 11, 2023
Council Members

From: Linda Caruso <lcaruso02@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 10:37 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: Request for a Hearing concerning Petition #1583

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:

- This is a residentially zoned area and the proposal is for a commercial facility. I didn't buy my house in residential, suburban Bethany to have the State of Connecticut come in and make a small parcel of mostly wetlands into a COMMERCIAL SOLAR FARM. I am a taxpayer and I have rights!
- All residents of Bethany have well water. We must protect the water supply and aquifers. I do not want my well contaminated by chemicals and pesticides that can lead to cancer and childhood leukemia.
- I have invested a great deal of money into my home and property and do not want the value to decline. I have been told by an attorney that this Solar Farm will reduce the value of my home anywhere from 20-40%. I cannot afford to lose that amount of money on the sale of my home especially when my retirement is around the corner.
- This project is being dumped in the most populated area of Bethany consisting of approximate 16 homes/families built close together on 1 -1.5 acre lots. There are other open spaces in the Town of Bethany that are less populated that this project can be moved to.
- My neighbors and I have collected more than 800 signatures in an online petition from community members who also oppose this project. Our voices need to be heard!

We are **NOT OPPOSED** to Solar, Solar Farms, or any other green energy but we are **OPPOSED** of this being in a **RESIDENTIAL AREA** of Town.

Please grant us a hearing to express these concerns.

Thank you,
Linda Caruso