

May 5, 2022

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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cc: Joe Dietrich, PE  
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RE: USS Somers Solar, LLC  
Proposed 4.0MW (AC)  
Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Bachman,

Joe Dietrich, Senior Project Manager, for Westwood Surveying and Engineering, P.C. on behalf of their client USS Somers Solar, LLC (“Petitioner”) has contacted the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) Bureau of Natural Resources and informed us of the intention to file a petition for a declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council. Petitioner proposes to construct a solar project with a capacity of two or more megawatts, to be located at 360 Somers Rd Ellington, Connecticut 06029 (“Site”).

Pursuant to Sec. 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources staff have reviewed documents submitted by the Petitioner concerning this proposed project, which includes a site map dated June 8, 2021, attached to an email dated March 4, 2022 prepared by Westwood Surveying and Engineering, P.C.

In conducting such review of the proposed project, DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources has determined that such proposed project, as represented in the above-mentioned documents **will not** materially affect the status of such Site as core forest.

Nothing in this letter relieves the Petitioner of other obligations under applicable federal, state, and local law that may be necessary as part of the proposed project design and implementation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 860-424-3060, or by mail at 79 Elm Street, Sixth Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

Connecticut is one of the most heavily forested states in America. Our forests clean our air and water, shelter our wildlife, sequester carbon, contribute tens of millions of dollars to our economy, and add immeasurably to the quality of our lives. Yet every day, our forests are under threat. Invasive insects

and diseases and our dense and growing human population continue to stress our forests in unprecedented ways. Thank you for helping us to conserve a healthy core forest for future generations, providing public transparency and working to make thoughtful development choices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christopher P. Martin".

Christopher Martin, State Forester  
Bureau of Natural Resources  
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