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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

September 22, 2023

Marie-Pierre Gastineau  
[helliomp@hotmail.com](mailto:helliomp@hotmail.com)

RE: **PETITION NO. 1589** – USS Somers Solar, 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 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 360 Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Marie-Pierre Gastineau:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your Request for a Public Hearing, dated September 21, 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 A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Service List dated August 24, 2023  
Council Members

**From:** Marie-Pierre Hellio <helliomp@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 4:21 PM  
**To:** CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>  
**Cc:** cpiboard@mg.skydivect.com  
**Subject:** Petition No. 1589: Public comment and hearing request

Sitting Council Members,

My name is Marie-Pierre and I am a skydiver at Connecticut Parachutists, Inc., located at Ellington Airport. I am aware of [Petition No. 1589](#), which would incorporate solar panels at the airport.

I would like to request an in-person and virtual public hearing on this petition. Additionally, I would like to submit the following as public comment:

As a skydiver and paramotor pilot, the installation of solar panels at Ellington Airport would present a serious hazard to my health and life. This part of the airport is a safe and reasonable landing option if I find myself unable to land at the primary landing area for any reason. I have landed in this area in the past for safety.

Landing in a solar field isn't safe. Seeking an alternate landing area outside of the airport grounds in order to avoid a solar array would be similarly dangerous as I would have to avoid power lines, trees, buildings, and other obstacles.

This proposal is a threat to my life and that of other skydivers and pilots. I do not support it.

Sincerely,

Marie-Pierre Gastineau