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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

September 21, 2023

Shelby Mitchell
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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 Shelby Mitchell:

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: Shelby Mitchell <shelbym8@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 7:43 AM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Cc: cpiboard@mg.skydivect.com
Subject: Petition No. 1589: Public comment and hearing request

Siting Council members,

My name is Shelby 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, 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 personally landed here on more than one occasion out of necessity to keep myself and others safe. This is a crucial part of the airport for both new and experienced skydivers alike to maintain safety while landing and remain on skydive CPI property.

If I land in a solar field I expect to be injured or killed. 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 I do not support it.

Sincerely,

Shelby Mitchell
Skydive CPI staff