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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND US MAIL

Melanie Bachman
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Connecticut Siting Council
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Re: PETITION NO. 1597 – Greenskies Clean Energy 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 3.74-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel No. 017-150-066, Spencer Hill Road, Winchester, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Final Decision.

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Greenskies Clean Energy (“GCE”) concerning the above-referenced Petition. Specifically, I am writing regarding various aspects of the Council’s Decision and Order related to this petition.

As the Council is aware, Condition 1 of the Council’s Decision and Order states that approval of any Project changes may be delegated to Council Staff. Since the Council issued its Decision and Order, GCE has found that several changes to the Project would improve the Project. Specifically, during the time between when the Petition was approved on March 1, 2024 until present, the development team evaluated the Project and made changes to the Project. GCE is seeking approval of the changes that it has designed and is bringing to the Council’s attention with this filing.

The changes that are proposed include the following:

- DC System Size Reduction from 4.45 MW DC to 3.740 MW DC;
- AC System Size Reduction from 3.76 MW AC to 3.25 MW AC;
- Inverter Reduction from 30 Solectria XGI-1500 125/125 UL inverters to 26 Solectria XGI-1500 125/125 UL inverters;

- Module Change and Reduction from 8,232 Longi Solar LR5-72HBD-540M 540W modules to 6,960 Heliene HSPE 144HC M10 SL Bifacial 540W modules;
- Fixed Tilt Racking design changed to a Single Axis Tracker Design; and
- Equipment pads relocated.

With the design changes noted above, the limit of work will not increase in size and the stormwater structures and erosion control measures all remain in the same physical location.

The change from a fixed tilt racking system to a single-axis tracker adjusted the solar module layout from an east-to-west row orientation to a south-to-north row orientation. Additionally, the concrete equipment pads shifted due to the new layout. The equipment pad to the northwest was relocated further away from the project entrance, and the equipment pad to the south was moved even further south to the periphery of the array along the southern access road.

In addition to the changes noted above, the Decision and Order required GCE to provide the following:

2. A copy of the DEEP Stormwater Permit Prior to the commencement of construction
3. Submit a final structural design for the racking system stamped by a professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut
4. Submit a final electrical interconnection plan that has been approved by Eversource for Council review and approval, prior to the commencement of construction, that includes the use of pad mounted equipment both on the Eversource and GCE sides of the interconnection, and any hybrid design options to reduce the visual impact of the electrical interconnection (Condition was previously submitted and approved by the council on April 25, 2024.)
5. Provide a landscaping plan to include plantings in the northwest portion of the site to reduce views from off-site locations
7. Submit a final construction Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan prior to the commencement of construction
8. Submit TCLP test results for the selected solar panels that indicate the panels would not be characterized as hazardous waste at the time of disposal, under current testing criteria

The information responsive to requirements listed above, in addition to the changes described above can be found at the following address:

<https://cfus.box.com/s/km47gmt6ho3rajbcynnirgmsotd8ztbw>. GCE hereby requests approval of items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8.

With respect to the remaining conditions, GCE does not intend to submit the agricultural co-use plan at this time. However, Greenskies will submit an agricultural co-use plan for the site for approval before a co-use is implemented pursuant to condition #6. In addition, Greenskies will

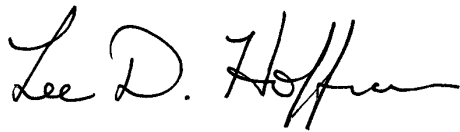
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submit an Emergency Response Plan to the Council and provide training to emergency responders prior to the facility commencing operation pursuant to condition #9.

Assuming the Council approves the changes being proposed for the Project, and finds that the submittals for items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are complete, GCE would like to begin construction of the Project. Accordingly, GCE would like to commence site construction activities starting on or shortly after April 28, 2025.

Should you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I certify that a copy of this correspondence has been provided to all persons on the Council's Service List for this Petition. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee D. Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "H".

Lee D. Hoffman