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November 16, 2023

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC – Spencer Hill Road, Winchester, proposed 3.7-Megawatt AC solar project – DOAG Letter Revoked

Dear Executive Director Bachman,

We respectfully submit this letter for your records to clarify the email sent by Eileen Underwood to the Connecticut Siting Council on November 13, 2023 revoking our agency’s letter of October 3, 2023 stating the above referenced project would not materially affect prime farmland.

The October 3, 2023 submission of a letter from the Department of Agriculture stating this project would not materially affect the status of project land as prime farmland was contingent upon a list of conditions to be met, including “That there will be no grading, cutting or filling, topsoil removal, or other actions associated with the project’s installation and ultimate deconstruction.”

On November 2, 2023 our Agency received notification from DEEP of a revision to the project’s site plans which includes stormwater provisions that conflict with the above mentioned condition and in agreement with emails received by the Agency from Greenskies on October 6 and October 10, 2023.

On November 3, 2023 Greenskies provided written confirmation to DOAG of their intent to submit a revised application requesting an official revision to the letter.

Although official submission of this request has not yet been received by our Agency, in light of the notification from DEEP and Greenskies’ confirmation of intent to submit a request for revision, and having awareness that the plan that was originally submitted to DOAG has changed, DOAG is revoking our letter dated October 3, 2023, pending further review.

Respectfully,

Jaime L. Smith
Bureau Director