

January 25, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1598 from Windsor Solar One, LLC

Dear Ms. Bachman;

I am submitting this letter of comment and questions on behalf of myself and my wife, Jennifer Perry Williams as designated intervenors to the above referenced Petition for the construction and operation of a 3.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on currently zoned agricultural property at 445 River Street, Windsor, CT. This property is located directly across River Street from our residence at 69 Sunrise Circle.

We have the following comments and questions to be introduced at the upcoming Public Hearing to be held on February 8, 2024.

**General Comments/Questions**

1. We have found the process for addressing and responding to this Petition to be overwhelming given the timeline and complexity of the matter. The administrative and legal nature of the process adds to this complexity.
2. We are amazed that an area and neighborhood that we have chosen to invest in and live based on its character and zoning can be so easily disrupted with so little local control. Is this even constitutional?
3. Has the state established minimum standards for locating these types of facilities in residential and agricultural areas? For example, one mile setback for noise and view mitigation.

**Comments/Questions Related Directly to Proposed Electric Generating Facility.**

1. A significant concern is noise mitigation based at least in part on a similar facility installed in East Windsor by Solar One, where there have been complaints by residents and is still in an on-going dispute. Noise is expected from the Inverters and solar panel movement. Do the DEEP minimum decibel standards address the nature of this project and community? We should not be introducing a higher noise level than already exists in this neighborhood. I assume that there will be no noise coming from this facility at night. Is this correct?

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2. This location is right on top of a residential area that is adjacent to woodland, the Farmington River and farmland. The area is very quiet and visually stimulating due to its natural setting. It is ideal for a mature population of working families and retirees. We should not interfere with the health benefits of this.
3. We request that a professional landscape architect be retained to professionally design and oversee the installation of boundary screening (berms, plantings, fencing) to minimize impacts to the surrounding residential community. A Management Plan should be prepared to address the minimum of 20+ years of expected operation and maintenance. I suggest that the town of Windsor approve this firm.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Willaim A. Williams and Jennifer P. Williams in blue ink.

Willaim A. Williams, P.E. and Jennifer P. Williams