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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

November 17, 2023

TO: Service List, dated November 15, 2023

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **PETITION NO. 1599** – TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel No. 30-25-59 Spencer Street, Suffield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Comments have been received from the Connecticut Airport Authority on November 16, 2023. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



TO: Brian Golembiewski, Connecticut Siting Council
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FROM: Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA)

DATE: November 16, 2023

RE: **PETITION NO. 1599** - TRITEC Americas, LLC notice of election to waive exclusion from Connecticut Siting Council jurisdiction, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50k(e), and petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 0.999-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Parcel No. 30-25-59 Spencer Street, Suffield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Distinguished Members of the Connecticut Siting Council and Executive Director Bachman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding Petition No. 1599.

The CAA appreciates TRITEC Americas conducting an aeronautical study in line with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidance, and it appears that a determination was made that this development would not result in a hazard to air navigation. While the FAA solar guidelines no longer require developers to perform a glare study, and while the project developer appears to be taking precautionary measures through the use of non-reflective solar paneling, the CAA respectfully requests that TRITEC Americas commit to work with the FAA and/or CAA to correct any issues that may result from reflectivity issues in the future. Due to the very close proximity to Bradley International Airport, in an abundance of caution, the CAA simply requests an assurance that TRITEC Americas will assist in finding a resolution in the event that pilots or FAA air traffic control tower staff report glare issues from the project.

The CAA thanks the Council and the applicant for their time and attention regarding matters of aviation safety. Please feel free to contact me directly at 860-292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.
Executive Director
Connecticut Airport Authority